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Great Air Battle Over North Kent

A GREAT AIR BATTLE RAGED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FROM THE MIDDLE OF KENT TO THE THAMES ESTUARY. IT WAS THE FIERCEST CLASH FOR NEARLY A FORTNIGHT AND RESULTED FROM THE APPEARANCE OF HEAVY CONCENTRATIONS OF GERMAN MACHINES IN THEIR FOURTH RAID OF THE DAY ON THE SAME AREA.

INCIDENT IN HOTEL

MR. D. NICKSON, MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG HOTEL, IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN ASSAULTED IN THE HONG KONG HOTEL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Accused of the offence, Mr. J. Hellvich, described as an engineer, residing in Morrison Hill Road, was taken to the Central Police Station and released on bail of \$25.

On his failing to appear when his name was called this morning, Mr. G. T. Lowry ordered the bail to be estreated.

Inspector A. Kirby appeared for the prosecution.

THE TYPHOON

The typhoon is now east of the Balintang Channel moving North-West.

Unless it changes to a more easterly course, it is likely to approach the coast north of Hong Kong.

The Royal Observatory reports that the typhoon is now approximately 600 miles to the E.S.E. of Hong Kong moving N. W.

The anti-cyclone remains over Japan and the Pacific to the eastward.

The temperature at 10 a.m. today was 82 degrees, suggesting a hotter afternoon than yesterday when the maximum temperature was 85 degrees.

"DISSIDENCES" IN CHAD REGION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An official Vichy announcement states that the Petain Government has taken "the necessary measures upon being informed of certain dissidences in the Chad region."

The announcement adds that "the dissidences occurred under the influence of Colonel de Laminat, former Chief of Staff in the Middle East, who established contact with General De Gaulle, whereafter he seemingly proceeded to British West Africa where he launched an appeal for rebellion." — Havas.

The 24 hours ended at midnight. There were also 18 dysentery cases and 41 of tuberculosis.

Seven German 'planes were shot down — five on the land and two into the sea — in less than hour during a series of whirlwind battles between British and German fighters.

Then the battle grew more furious and official figures showing 24 German machines shot down are believed to be an under-estimate.

The enemy raiders attacked from two directions. One formation flew over the South Kent coast and soon afterwards another and larger force came over Kent's north coast.

One report says that one of the escorting Messerschmidts was shot down by a Hurricane near a South-Eastern town. It crashed into an orchard behind some cottages and burst in flames.

The pilot, who baled out successfully, found soldiers waiting to take him under arrest as soon as his feet touched the ground.

Smoke Swastika

Before the battle developed, earlier German machines had come over and formed a rough smoke swastika in the sky as a signal to oncoming aircraft.

When they crossed the coastline, the German 'planes were subjected to fierce anti-aircraft fire and two airmen were seen to bale out and drift out to sea with their parachutes.

The pilots of two of the German 'planes which were shot down several miles inland by fighters saved their lives by baling out.

At another point, 21 German 'planes, escorted by fighters, flew over a town at 10,000 feet. They met with speedy British opposition and six enemy machines were seen to crash in this particular clash.

Parachute Broke

One Messerschmidt burst into flames a few miles outside of the town. The pilot baled out, but his parachute broke and he was killed.

A bomber pilot, shot down, released his bombs into the water before crashing. Four of the crew were rescued by fishing boats.

Reuter's correspondent, viewing the battle from the cliffs, saw two other fighters flash from the sky. One fell in flames into the waves, several miles off, and the

WEATHER FORECAST: — North winds, moderate to fresh; fair generally.

DEVOID OF FOUNDATION

It is authoritatively stated in London that reports that Britain intends to occupy the Azores and Canary Islands is entirely devoid of foundation. — Reuter.

WILD DOGS AT POKFULAM

A pack of wild dogs are believed to be roving the hills round Pokfulam.

According to a report made to the Police last night by Mr. P. C. Jackson, of the Dairy Farm branch in Pokfulam, a pig was killed and a number injured in the farmyard during Tuesday night.

It is believed that the pigs were attacked by wild dogs.

BUSINESS MEN LEAVE GIBRALTAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bound for Canada and Britain, 800 British businessmen have left Gibraltar, according to reports current in Algeiras to-day. — Havas.

CENTENARY PLANS CANCELLED

The centenary of the Colony occurs in January and tentative plans to celebrate the occasion have been under consideration for some time.

In view of present circumstances in Europe, however, and the necessity for all parts of the Empire to devote every resource to the successful prosecution of the war against Germany, it has now been decided to postpone the preparations for the centenary celebrations until peace has been restored.

A special issue of stamps may, however, be issued in the course of 1941.

An official communique announcing the decision says that the Government feels confident that this decision accords with the wishes of the people of Hong Kong.

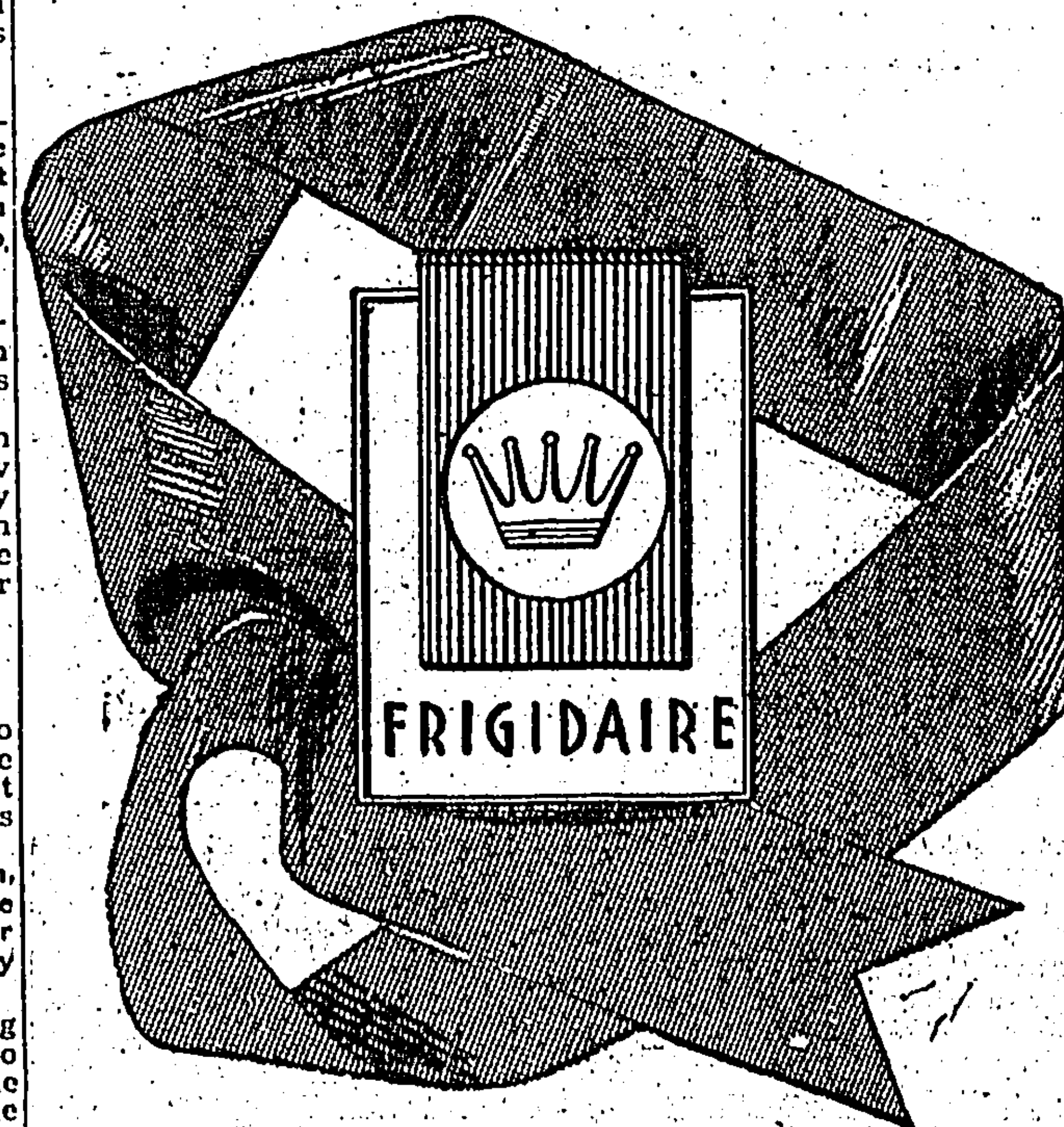
VICHY DENIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Vichy report officially denies foreign reports stating that 800 war 'planes, drawn from the air forces in North Africa to aerodromes in unoccupied France, have been handed over to Germany. — Havas.

THREE KOWLOON CHOLERA CASES

Three further cases of cholera, all of them in Kowloon, were notified to the medical department in



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LONDON GETS ITS NIGHTLY NUISANCE RAID

Flares (For Photographs?) Instead Of Bombs

Hitler Ahead Of Schedule

SEARCHLIGHTS WERE AGAIN ACTIVE IN THE LONDON AREA LAST NIGHT, SCOURING THE SKIES FOR HITLER'S NUISANCE RAIDERS, AND THE ALARM WAS LATER SOUNDED, AFTER A DAY OF CONSIDERABLE LIVELINESS IN THE THAMES ESTUARY AND OVER KENT.

The visit of the night raiders was slightly ahead of the time schedule set on Monday and Tuesday and it appeared to be less determinedly pressed home.

Night raiders were also reported over two South-Western towns and also over cities in the North-East and the Midlands.

Bombs were dropped at several places, but no information on the results is yet available.

Meanwhile, it is confirmed in official sources that there was very considerable enemy activity over the Kent Coast and the Thames Estuary yesterday afternoon.

The German Air Force has been directing very heavy attacks, the full details of which are not yet available, but many enemy aircraft have been destroyed.

24 Shot Down

Later. An Air Ministry communique states that a large number of enemy aircraft again attempted to penetrate our fighter defences during the afternoon.

Few bombs were dropped except in one town on the Thames Estuary where some damage was done and a small number of casualties caused.

Reports received up to 8 p.m. (4 a.m. H.K.T.) show that at least 24 enemy aircraft were shot down by our fighters.

Twelve of aircraft were lost, but the pilots of four are known to be safe.—Reuter.

Flares For Photos?

Later. Shortly after the sirens had stopped in the London area last night, half-a-dozen flares drifted to earth at different points, splitting into two before dying out.

FOR THE 1 MAN IN 7 WHO SHAVES EVERY DAY

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After the warning had lasted two hours, there were no confirmed reports of bombs having been dropped in the London area.

Enemy planes were over ten other towns, including a town in Wales.

It is reported that bombs were dropped on two South-East coast towns and one Midland town, but it is generally believed, by informed observers, that the Germans are engaged in night reconnaissance flights chiefly, preparatory, perhaps, to mass raids in the near future.—Reuter.

BURMA ROAD BLOCKED

The Burma Road is at present blocked by floods several feet deep in the neighbourhood of Paoshan, some 670 kilometres from Kunming, it is reported in Chungking.

Traffic is expected to be interrupted for at least 10 days.

Despite the closing of the road to prohibited imports, there has still been a considerable commercial traffic to China, since lorries belonging to foreign and Burmese companies are allowed to carry sufficient petrol for the return journey.—Reuter.

R.C.A.F. SQUADRON VISITED

A squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force, originally an auxiliary Air Force squadron, formed and based at Winnipeg, was visited yesterday by the Dominions Secretary.

Accompanied by Wing Commander Campbell, Commanding R.C.A.F., England, Lord Caldecote inspected the squadron and addressed a few general remarks, expressing appreciation of their work.—British Wireless.

COURTESY VISIT RETURNED

The Governor of Gibraltar yesterday returned the visit of the Governor of Algiers. He was accompanied by the Flag Officer Commanding North Atlantic.

A salute of 17 guns was fired both on his arrival and on his departure and toasts to the King and General Franco were exchanged.—Reuter.

BIGGEST BAG OF THE DAY

R.A.F. Fighter Command pilots caught their biggest bag of yesterday during the afternoon, when more than a hundred enemy planes approached the South-East coast at about 5 p.m., states the Air Ministry News Service.

Some of the Messerschmidts dived into the clouds as soon as the Hurricanes and Spitfires hunting for them came into sight.

Others were milling around, as one British pilot said, "looking ready enough for a fight."

The British fighters shot down ten Messerschmidts, and several more in addition are believed to have been destroyed, although their loss could not be proved.

After the fight, four British pilots were missing.—Reuter.

MISSION TO INDO-CHINA DENIED

QUESTIONED BY REUTER CONCERNING A REPORT THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS SHORTLY TO SEND A MILITARY MISSION TO INDO-CHINA TO DISCUSS CHINESE-FRENCH COOPERATION IN INDO-CHINA, A HIGH CHINESE OFFICIAL IN CHUNGKING HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED THE REPORT, WHICH IS CHARACTERISED AS BEING ENTIRELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

It is pointed out that the recent trip of an important leader to Kunming was only for the purpose of discussing Chinese military preparations with the Yunnan authorities to meet a possible Japanese invasion of Indo-China.

No discussion, it is declared, has taken place between the Chinese and French military authorities.—Reuter.

BUTTER RATIONING

THE AMOUNT OF BUTTER OBTAINABLE UNDER THE PRESENT COMBINED BUTTER AND MARGARINE RATION WILL NOT EXCEED FOUR OUNCES FROM SEPTEMBER 2. THE MINISTRY OF FOOD ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

The only change from the present position is that consumers who have taken all or most of their six ounces of butter and margarine ration in butter, will be unable to have over four ounces of butter a week but they will be able to obtain the balance in margarine.—Reuter.

BUILDING SOCIETY FUNDS MOVE BY TREASURY

A Defence Regulation has been made in Britain authorising building societies to require six months' notice for withdrawals of shares and deposits.

At present there is a considerable diversity of rules on this point among societies, and the object of the regulation is to secure uniformity.

The regulation applies to notices already given.

MUSCAT FUND

British residents of Muscat, the capital and seaport of Oman, Arabia, have so far contributed £1,050 to the war fund. The money will be handed over to the British Government.—Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN UNPERTURBED

The King and Queen last night declined to allow the air raid alarm to interfere with their all-night journey to visit the Northern Command.

Sirens were sounding when Their Majesties drove from Buckingham Palace, but they continued to the station and the Royal Train ran slowly until the all clear had been sounded.—Reuter.

NEW SOUTH AFRICAN BUDGET

BRITISH EXPORTS TO SOUTH AFRICA WERE NEARLY \$3,000,000 MORE DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR THAN DURING THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1939. THE TOTAL WAS \$21,039,000.

This was revealed yesterday by the Union Minister of Finance when he introduced his supplementary budget in the House of Assembly.

He said that these figures would help Members to judge for themselves what little success the enemy has had in his attempts to stop trade with Britain.

He proposed a 20 per cent. increase in Income Tax and Super-Tax; 2 per cent. increase on special war contributions by the mining companies; increases in postage and on customs duties on tyres, petrol, whiskey and imported spirits.

Under the new budget, South Africa will now spend £46,000,000 this year on the war effort.—Reuter.

PROFESSIONAL BICYCLE THIEVES

Alleged to be professional bicycle thieves three men were convicted by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

Cheung Shun, 27, who had a previous conviction, was sentenced to five months' hard labour, while Yuen Tse-wan, 27, and Yuen Tat-leung, 18, were sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

Yuen Tai, 27, charged with receiving a stolen bicycle, was fined \$100, or two months' hard labour.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman said that the three men hired four bicycles from different shops. They sold one to fourth accused and attempted to ship the other three to Saigon.

Police searched the ship and recovered the bicycles.

SEVEN NEW RADIO STATIONS IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Seven new radio stations will be built in Japan by March, 1941, because of the "increasing importance of swift communications in modern life," according to the Tokyo "Nichi Nichi," to-day.

The Ministry of Communications is also planning to establish new broadcasting stations on the Loochoo Islands, Saghalien and Palau (the latter being in the South Seas.) Completion of these broadcasting stations will bring the total to 54.—Havas.

FUNERAL RITES

FOR DUC DE GUISE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Funeral rites have been held in Laroche, Spanish Morocco, for the Duc de Guise, late Pretender to the Throne of France, in the presence of Bishop Gallifol, General Ascensio, the Spanish High Commissioner and many leading personalities.—Havas.

AIR RAID CASUALTY: ---HE YAWNED

A SOLDIER ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL IN A TOWN ON THE SOUTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND, SAYS REUTER, WAS SUFFERING FROM DISLOCATION OF THE JAW CAUSED WHEN HE YAWNED DURING AN AIR RAID!

Germany's nuisance raiders are thus setting the British people new problems and the principal is that of lack of sleep.

The headmistress of one school reports that only twelve of her 150 pupils were present after an early morning raid owing to dislocation of sleep.

They are becoming accustomed to raids.

Writing on this subject in the "Evening Standard" last night, a writer recalls how Madrid rapidly orientated itself to raids, and the declaration of the commander of the British section of the International Brigade that after the first few blitzweeks, Madrid lost little sleep during the war.

The public is meeting the situation largely by a household switch-over, whereby the lowest and safest rooms in the house become bedrooms.—Reuter.

GIFTS OF AIRCRAFT

LORD BEAVERBROOK, MINISTER OF AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION, HAS CABLED HIS THANKS FOR A GIFT OF \$21,000 FROM THE PEOPLE OF NEW ZEALAND FOR AIRCRAFT.

Half this sum—£10,500—is from the people of South Island, who have asked that a plane be named after the island and manned by New Zealanders.

Lord Beaverbrook, in his cable to Mr. Fraser, the Prime Minister, said that New Zealand is playing a magnificent part in the Empire air training scheme and New Zealand pilots are a terror to our enemies.—Reuter.

SOME OF EVACUEE WOMEN GRUMBLE IN AUSTRALIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NEWSPAPERS NOW arriving from Australia contain news items about the arrival of the Hong Kong evacuees and the arrangements made to look after them. As was the case in Manila, the evacuees have met with a varying reception "Down Under," so that although there were few complaints in one area there were many from other districts, and so on.

For instance, "few complaints have been made by evacuees from Hong Kong about the accommodation provided for them in Melbourne," reads one item, while an earlier item from the same town said that the Melbourne Housing Commission "is doing its best to avoid the position which is reported to have arisen in Sydney, where many of the women have complained about accommodation provided."

Out of the first batch of 800 women and children arriving in Melbourne and placed in boarding houses and guest houses, only 50 had asked for changes, according to an official of the Housing Commission.

Some of these 50 had objected to the accommodation provided for them, "but most sought transfers to be closer to friends who accompanied them to Australia."

A special bureau has been set up in Melbourne to attend to the interests of the evacuees, most of whom have now settled down and are happy in their temporary homes.

Indeed, within a few days of their arrival, one Hong Kong mother was able to inform the Melbourne Housing Commission that the elder of her two daughters had already found employment.

Billeting System

Melbourne, incidentally, has chosen a different system for billeting to Sydney. Whereas in Sydney requests were made for private accommodation for the evacuees, the Housing Commission in Melbourne investigated a number of guest houses and private hotels, turned down several as unsuitable, and arranged accommodation in those approved. These are mostly near Melbourne city itself, the majority being at St. Kilda and South Yarra.

Brisbane has not been so popular an "evacuation home" as Melbourne or Sydney, but there have been few recent complaints, although even the Australians themselves admit that the first party had some cause to grumble.

Six hours after their medical and passport examinations on board ship, 23 evacuees were taken to a "cold, wind-swept wharf near the city, where they had to wait in a draughty shed while their luggage was examined."

Newspaper Account

"There were no women to meet them and they were not offered refreshments. Many of the evacuees were mothers with young children." This quotation is not from a "grumbling letter" but from one of the Australian newspapers covering the arrival.

The same paper, however, reports that "there was no cause for complaint in the reception of the latest Hong Kong evacuees to reach Brisbane."

Two hours after they boarded the tender at the anchorage, the evacuees were driving to boarding houses in the city. There was no delay at the wharf, Customs officers examining the baggage on board the tender as it came up the river. On board the tender, officials of the Queensland Tourist Bureau provided tea, sandwiches and cakes.

As soon as they got off the tender, they were met by representatives of the New Settlers League and the Women's Auxili-

ary Transport Service, who took them in hand.

As a result, an officer of the Government who was sent to Redcliffe to interview the evacuees heard nothing but praise for the courtesy and assistance with which the evacuees were met on their arrival.

"They were delighted with their welcome," he added.

The Pioneers

Incidentally, one news item throws an interesting sidelight on the reception arrangements and may partly explain why the first batches—the "pioneer evacuees," as it were—had to bear the brunt of what difficulties and problems there were until matters were properly straightened out among the various government departments and organisations handling their arrival.

At Brisbane, it appears, there was a brief, public argument between the Queensland Premier, Mr. Forgan Smith, and the Minister for the Interior, Senator Foll. Senator Foll expressed dissatisfaction with the way the Queensland Government had catered to evacuees arriving there.

The Premier expressed resentment at an earlier announcement by the Senator that he intended to form a women's committee in Brisbane to care for and welcome women and child evacuees. The Brisbane report continues: "Several times he poked Senator Foll in the chest with his forefinger and raised his voice loudly. Finally, Mr. Forgan Smith said: 'I tell you I am not going to have you handling things that are the concern of the State. If you want to handle things, take the lot—take the lot, I tell you! Well, we might do that yet, too,' Senator Foll replied."

Subsequently, however, he announced in the Premier's presence that he had abandoned his idea of a women's committee and that he and the Premier had agreed that the reception of evacuees should be arranged by the New Settlers' League, other organisations which wanted to assist being able to do so in cooperation.

Counter-Charge

In direct contrast to stories being told by evacuees in Australia of conditions in Manila, a member of the American Red Cross—quoted in a despatch to a Queensland paper—said that the evacuees, with the exception of a certain section, had been particularly grateful for the help given them at Manila.

The dissenting section had been women who possessed money and had been used to servants in Hong Kong.

One woman, who possessed over £800, the Red Cross member said, preferred to put up with barracks hardships rather than take lodgings at an hotel, several of which had plenty of accommodation.

On the other hand, women in poorer circumstances adopted a more philosophical outlook and took the hardships as they came.

News From Sydney

Sydney is very cold at the moment, and the evacuees, coming from a hot climate, are feeling the effects rather more than the native Australians, writes a Special Correspondent to the "China Mail." Foodstuffs are comparatively cheap, especially when converted into local currency, and so is clothing.

The trip down from Manila was almost wholly within sight of land and, thanks to the great care taken of them by the ship the voyage was a pleasant one on the whole.

One lady, however, will not forget the journey for a long time. She took a bath one evening and then, when she tried to return to her cabin, found she couldn't get out. A large crowd gathered when she started hammering and banging on the door, and eventually some members of the crew got her free. She was for ever having her leg pulled after this incident and swore not to take another bath while on board ship.

The weather gradually got colder as they went further south and at Cairns winter woollies and blankets began to make their appearance. The sea, too, was unpleasant after they passed Brisbane (where 26 passengers disembarked), and there were fewer faces in the dining saloon.

Do You Want A Job ?

About this time, they were given forms to fill out, among the questions asked being "Do you want a job or not?" Several of them answered that they did, and in some cases, it is understood, they have already obtained employment.

When they reached Sydney, they were put into boarding houses, being charged 30/- a week per adult and 15/- a child. The particular boarding-house our Special Correspondent was sent to was not very comfortable from a family point of view, because of the restrictions on the children, who were not allowed to make a noise, for instance.

After a few days, however, she and another woman and their joint "family" of three children found a small flat, consisting of two bed-rooms, a sitting room, a kitchen and a bathroom, for 37/- a week in the Alpine Flats, Williams Street.

The furniture has seen better days, but is otherwise quite comfortable.

Prices in Sydney compare favourably with those in Hong Kong, thanks to the many department stores all over the town. A pair of shoes of good manufacture can be purchased for the equivalent of about \$6 or \$7 Hong Kong currency.

Practically Frozen

Foodstuffs, too, are quite cheap. A leg of lamb big enough to feed two adults, three children and "still leave some over," can be bought for 1/-3, while very big cauliflower soup for three pence each. Indeed, on the whole, things are cheaper than in Hong Kong.

The weather is very cold and the evacuees are "practically frozen." Summer, however, is just around the corner and they are looking forward to the warm sunshine.

As in Manila, the big question is how long they are going to have to stay in Australia before they can return to Hong Kong. The prospects seem even bleaker than they did in Manila.

Some of the wives report receiving letters from their husbands saying that they expect to join their families when they go on home leave in 1942. This seems to be the general opinion among husbands in the Government services, writes our correspondent, so many of the wives are now trying to settle down to the prospect of not seeing Hong Kong for another two or three years!

PRINCESS MARTHA IN NEW YORK

The United States transport "American Legion" has arrived in New York with American refugees and the Crown Princess Martha of Norway and her children.

Princess Martha and the children are going to Hyde Park to-day as the guests of Mrs. Roosevelt.—Reuter.

BEAT NAZI GUARDS UP

Two British soldiers taken prisoner at Le Havre, fought two German "guards" who were driving them to a prison camp and made an amazing escape.

Private Joe Dewey, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, one of the men, told a reporter of his adventures:

"There were two of us in a lorry with two Germans. All the way, the Germans kept their revolvers drawn. I was sitting in the front seat with the driver. 'I waited until we were going round a particularly dangerous corner approaching Arras, then pounced on the driver. He could not handle his revolver properly, as he needed both hands to swing on the wheel.

"I knocked him on the jaw and from the noises going on behind I could tell my pal was doing the same with his man. I managed to jam my foot on the brake and pull up before the lorry tipped over."

Machine-Gunned

"We started out on bikes, but we found it was not long before a German bomber came over, and there came a rattle of machine-gun fire. Something hit me on the head, and for a few minutes I was stunned. My pal got the worst of it. He could not stand up again."

"A Frenchman who had been hiding with us offered to take him to hospital, and told me I had better get away as the Germans were probably in charge there."

"I began walking. Then a French lorry came along and eventually I reached Bordeaux and safety."

Dewey said his convoy of lorries and thirty men was approaching Le Havre without knowing the Germans were in possession. They were surrounded and captured.

They were taken through Belgium and about eight miles into German territory, but because roads were blocked were sent back into France.

CANADIAN COAST COMMAND

A separate Command for Canada's defence forces in the Atlantic area and along the approaches of the St. Lawrence River has been established and Major-General W. H. P. Ellis, whose charge will include also Canada's troops now on duty in Newfoundland, has been appointed to post.

This development represents a major step in the defence of what Colonel J. L. Ralston, the Canadian Minister of National Defence, has described as "our most vulnerable area."—British Wireless.

TOUR OF COASTAL DEFENCES

Members of the Canadian-United States defence board have started their tour of Eastern Canada coastal defences.—Reuter.

SPEED-UP IN TRAINING OF PILOTS

Reduction in the time of training aircraft pilots and crews under the Empire Scheme as the result of increased facilities, was announced yesterday.

The High Commissioner for Canada has received a message from Canada's Air Minister saying that the training period of pilots will shortly be reduced from twenty-four to twenty-one weeks and that for crews to eighteen weeks.

Without loss of efficiency, there will be an increase in the supply of trained crews. The Air Minister also states that the resumption of deliveries to Canada from Britain of certain types of advanced training craft, together with supplies from the United States, has made it possible to adhere to the accelerated plan for opening eight Service Flying Schools instead of five as provided for in the original schedule.

Work is beginning on fifteen more construction projects, the majority of which are units of the Empire Air Training Plan.—British Wireless.

BIRTH OF A NEW AIR SQUADRON

The Prime Minister has telegraphed to Mr. McConnell, proprietor of the "Montreal Star," to acknowledge the gift of one million dollars for increased consignments of aircraft from Canada.

Mr. Churchill said: "May I express my admiration of the magnanimity matched to this hour of purpose and resolve. The hard-trying and enduring people of Britain know well their brothers are numerous, powerful and true." The aircraft will be known as "McConnell's Squadron."—British Wireless.

THE LATE PANCHEN LAMA'S REMAINS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Negotiations are being continued for the return of the remains of the late Panchen Lama to Tibet. The body is now lying at Yushu, Southern Chinghai.

General Chao Shou-yu, who is responsible for the remains, is now making the necessary arrangements.—Havas.

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that the air raid sirens will be tested to-day at 2 p.m.

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NOT ARBITRATION, AXIS WILL IMPOSE BALKAN AGREEMENT

COUNT CIANO was back in Germany yesterday, and this time he is to be allowed to attend the talks which the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr Ribbentrop, is to have with the Foreign Ministers of Hungary and Rumania.

Count Ciano lunched with Hitler and Ribbentrop yesterday and then left with the latter for Vienna, where the talks are being held.

Count Csaky has already left Budapest for Vienna and the Rumanians were due to leave yesterday afternoon.

A Berlin spokesman told the press yesterday that Germany and Italy are not going to arbitrate between Rumania and Hungary. What they will do is to hold the two countries to their task of finding a settlement.

So far, Rumania's attitude to Hungarian demands for Transylvania has remained one of firm refusal, and public feeling against yielding is as strong as ever.

On the Hungarian side, it is intimated that Hungary will not be satisfied by the exchange of populations Rumania is said to have proposed.—Reuter.

Bucharest Report

To-day's meeting at Vienna is expected to produce quick results, states a message from Bucharest.

The German view as expressed there is that while the Axis has no intention of arbitrating it intends to ensure that the Hungarians and Rumanians settle their differences without delay.

An apparently inspired article in the local German newspaper "Bukarester Tageblatt" says: "Justice now does not mean this or that point of view — it means order. Those who still do not understand the spirit of European organisation should know: that the Axis powers have the means to carry out their plans."

The Rumanian attitude remains that negotiations must be based on the principle of exchange of populations.

An inspired article in the Government newspaper "Romania" describes the principle as having been indicated to Rumania by the Axis. — Reuter.

Solution Near, Say Germans

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

German quarters in Bucharest assert that the solution of the Rumanian-Hungarian dispute over Transylvania is near, despite a sudden tension in their relations, following a clash between a Rumanian fighter and a Hungarian bomber. — Havas.

WALLET MISSING

Mr. V. C. Branson, M. C., of No. 271, The Peak, has reported the loss of a wallet, containing a photo, a Peak Tram season ticket, a Military Pass, and some money, while travelling between the Volunteer Headquarters and No. 1B, Robinson Road, on August 26.

CYCLIST HURT

Mr. C. N. Larsen was driving in Nathan Road near Waterloo Road yesterday, when a Chinese cyclist, travelling in the same direction, swerved and crashed into his car. The cyclist Lee Yau, 28, was treated at Kowloon Hospital for slight injuries.

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FRANCE'S POWER SUPPLY JEOPARDISED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Two-thirds of France's coal-driven electric power industry must be converted into a hydro-electric system owing to the shortage of coal, says the "Paris Soir," to-day.

Of 20 billion kilowatt hours produced throughout France, 9 billion are thermo-electric while 11 billion are hydro-electric.

At present, only lignite coal is obtainable in sufficient quantity and 3 billion kilowatt hours can be maintained by using it. The Government has already endorsed a plan to raise hydro-electric power production by 3 billion kilowatt hours and another 3 billion should be added if the present kilowatt hour output be maintained.

The whole problem raises technical difficulties. Equipment and construction of projects will cost hundreds of millions of francs.

Credits To Industry

It is necessary, the paper adds, that the Government should finance the construction of hydro-electric plants and also extend credits to various small industries to enable them to use electric power.

Finally, the paper concludes, Government control of prices is necessary. Prices must remain reasonable enough to bring about an increased use of electricity. — Havas.

CHUNGKING AND MOVES IN INDO-CHINA

The Chinese Government in Chungking announces that in the event of a Japanese landing in French Indo-China, it would at once "take measures for self-defence by sending armed forces to Indo-China to deal with the situation."

The statement said that it had been learned that Japan was planning to land troops in the French colony and to "take other kinds of military action with a view to attacking Chinese territory." — Reuter.

PRISON FOR FRAUD

Chan Siu-tat, 27, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with fraudulent conversion of medicine and dental castings, entrusted to him by a Chinese doctor, Chung Mo-sai, in the Luk Kwok Hotel.

Defendant pleaded guilty. Defendant was given a quantity of cloth, five shirts, 100 boxes of gold dental castings, six boxes of dental rubber, a Zenith wireless set, 50 tins of Saccharine, and 30 boxes of quinine, to deliver in North Kwangtung.

Defendant sold the articles, valued at \$1,000, in Des Voeux Road West, and to the China Dispensary.

Defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

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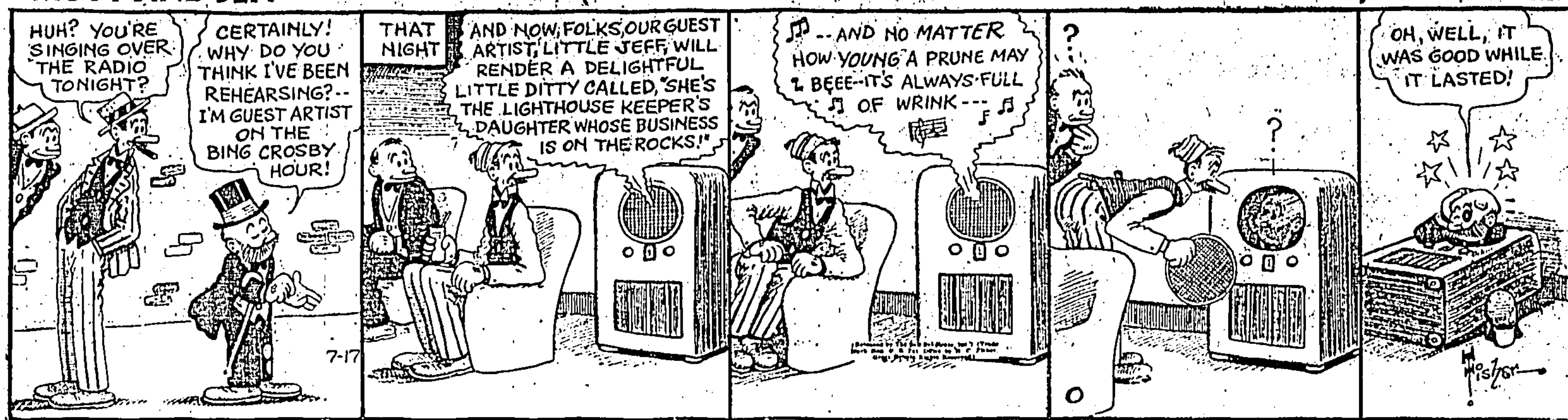
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Germany's Anger Over Oran Action

It is diverting to listen to the howls of impotent German rage that still rend the air over the "Copenhagening" of the French ships at Oran.

Of all the prizes won for Germany by the capitulation of the Bordeaux junta none was more precious than the French fleet. Visions of sea supremacy had already begun to swim before Nazi eyes. United with the German and Italian navies, and as powerful as both combined, the French fleet, it was calculated, might well suffice to tip the scale in the course of future sea warfare.

In any event, Britain would no longer be able to retain the simultaneous mastery of the North Sea and the Mediterranean and also to keep up the blockade against the vastly extended coastline now in German occupation. In their own good time the Germans would violate the Armistice, use the French Fleet against Britain and then sneer at the British as a set of simpletons for entrusting so valuable a weapon to the safe-keeping of German "honour."

"Criminal Villainy"

This German dream has been rudely shattered by Oran and the accompanying events of July 3. Apart from the fragments of the French Fleet which escaped to

Toulon or are otherwise unaccounted for, what remains afloat will be at the service not of Germany and Italy but of Britain. The shrill clamour that is being raised is the measure of the German discomfiture.

It might have been supposed that Goebbels had already exhausted his vocabulary of abusive superlatives at the time of the capture of the Altmark. But we now learn that the Oran coup is positively "the most criminal villainy in the world's history."

When it comes to "criminal villainy" Goebbels's memory is curiously short.

Let us recall the instance of Holland. On Oct. 6, 1939, Hitler

By J. C. Johnstone

declared that "the new Reich has endeavoured to continue the traditional German friendship with Holland. It has neither found any existing differences with the State nor created any new ones." Yet, on May 10, 1940, he not only invaded this traditionally friendly, unoffending neutral without a word of warning, but within 48 hours had massacred tens of thousands of Dutch citizens in Rotterdam by a massed aerial bombard-

ment of the crowded centre of that undefended town.

How, in point of "criminal villainy," does that act compare with Oran, where we only resorted to extreme measures—against an armed force—after six hours' parleying and the offer of alternatives, including one (internment in the West Indies) which would have had the same effect, both for France herself and for a Germany honestly intending to keep her word, as internment at Toulon?

The Goebbels Trick

The strident fury of Goebbels goes on to accuse Britain of "stabbing an Ally in the back," "trampling on a man when he is down," and "completing the diabolical betrayal of France." No one, of course, knows better than Goebbels the technique of the "stab in the back," but in this case the Ally who has been "stabbed in the back" is ourselves, and the "diabolical betrayal" was perpetrated not by us but against us when, to our mortal injury—if we had not taken strong action—and in defiance of the most solemn pledges, a powerful, undefeated fleet was signed away into the hand of a twenty-times perjured enemy.

What we have here is a prime example of the familiar Goebbels propaganda trick of describing everything by its precise opposite. It is by this trick that he arrives at the preposterous pretence that "this crime surpasses even the British treachery against Poland, Norway, Holland and Belgium."

Of our "treachery" to Poland it will be time to judge when the Germans are cleared lock, stock and barrel out of Polish territory by the terms of the peace. As to Norway, Holland and Belgium, who are the traitors? Are they the people who organised the Quislings and their confederates or the people who are staking their all to rescue each of those nations—and the rest of Europe as well—from the Quislings' paymasters and employers?

Perhaps the most diverting nonsense of all is the assertion that it was "unsporting" to go with superior forces and attack a "defenceless" fleet lying at anchor. This argument, curiously enough, commends itself especially to the Italians.

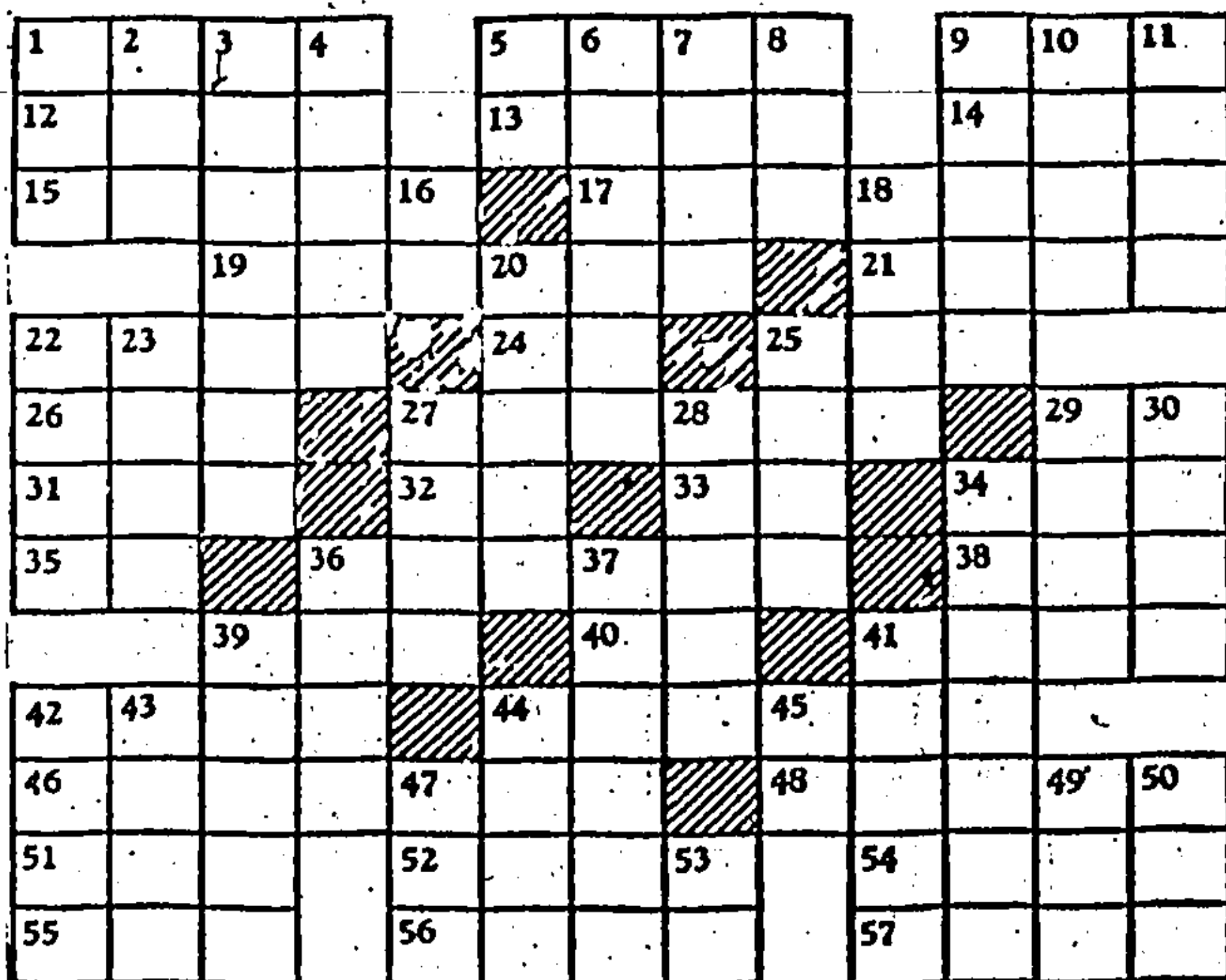
Their own ideas of "sportsmanship" were nicely signalled by their behaviour towards prostrate France on June 10. But, apart from that, are we to infer that it is an article of the German and Italian code that you must never attack an opponent except with equal tactical advantage?

If so, was the attack on Poland an example of compliance with such a code?

One final point on the morality of "Copenhagening"—a verb derived from the British action against the Danish fleet in 1807 and meaning to forestall by sudden offensive action the appropriation by the enemy of some important resource. If it is as immoral as Goebbels pretends to "Copenhagen" a fleet which, by signed agreement, was about to fall into the hands of the enemy, what about the morality of "Copenhagening" not merely a fleet but a whole series of countries—Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg—on which no enemy had so much as cast an eye?

Goebbels's rhodomontade about Oran may be attuned to the crude intelligences of Teutons, but before the rest of the world it merely serves to render himself and his Teutons doubly ridiculous and trebly odious.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Volume
- 5 French coins
- 9 Music: high
- 12 Peruvian Indian
- 13 Back of the neck
- 14 Tibetan gazelle
- 15 Lasso
- 17 Asiatic wind
- 19 Members of the Italy
- 21 Branches of learning
- 22 Sign
- 24 Conjunction
- 25 Music: as written
- 26 Prohibition
- 27 Marketable
- 29 European fish
- 31 To piece out
- 32 Behold
- 33 Symbol for ruthenium
- 34 Fish eggs
- 35 Archaic pronoun
- 36 American short story writer
- 38 Greek letter
- 39 Cry of crow
- 40 Pronoun
- 41 Tribe
- 42 Wolfhound

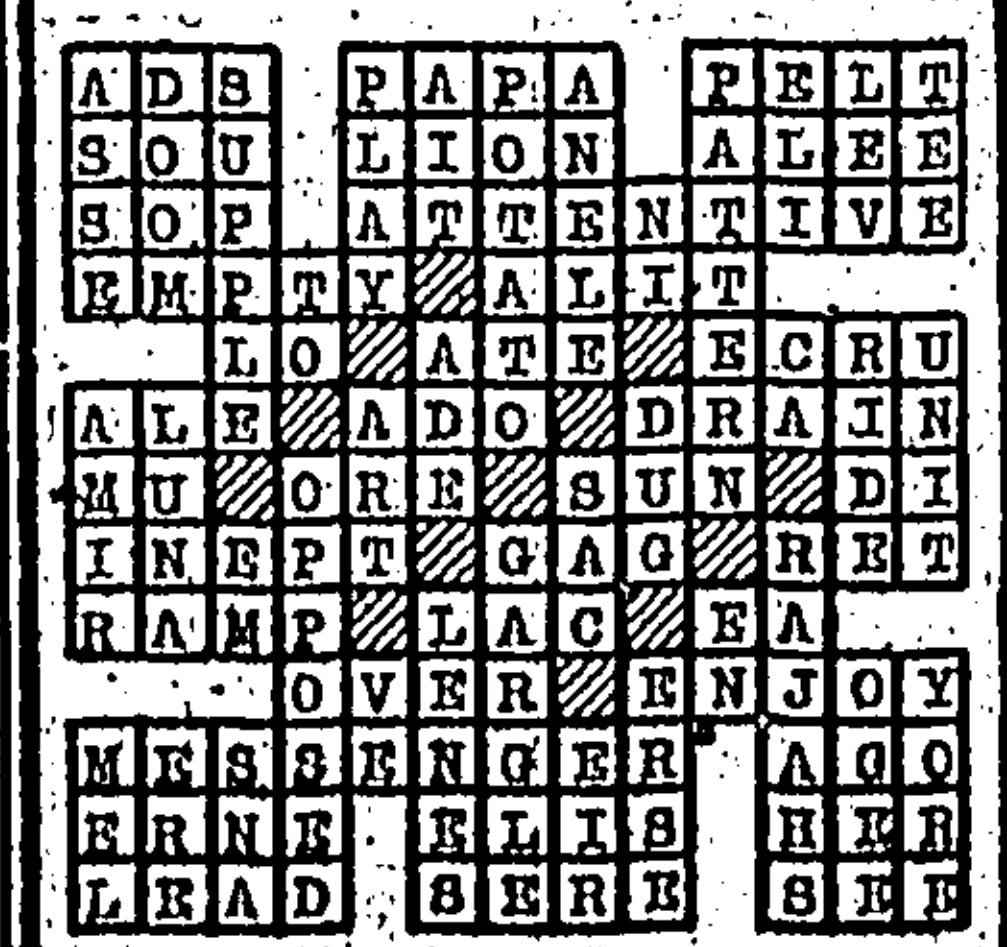
VERTICAL

- 44 Bell clapper
- 46 Witty person
- 48 To expunge
- 51 South American language
- 52 Italian river
- 54 Serf
- 55 Split pulse
- 56 Greek popular assembly
- 57 Secret bargain

VERTICAL

- 1 Russian commune
- 2 Blackbird
- 3 Kind of triangle
- 4 Mephistopheles
- 5 Printer's measure
- 6 Photographing instrument
- 7 Preposition
- 8 Japanese coin
- 9 Greek assembly
- 10 To plunder
- 11 Embrown
- 16 Exclamation of sorrow
- 18 To cloy
- 20 To travel in an automobile
- 22 To comply with
- 23 To fabricate
- 25 To disparage
- 27 Sluggish
- 28 To dress with the beak
- 29 Small particle
- 30 College official
- 34 To set free
- 36 Receptacles
- 37 Spiny
- 39 Artificial waterway
- 41 Healed
- 42 Footless animal
- 43 Moon goddess
- 44 Gull-like bird
- 45 Earth goddess
- 47 Falset
- 49 Nahoor sheep
- 50 Elongated fish
- 53 Bovine

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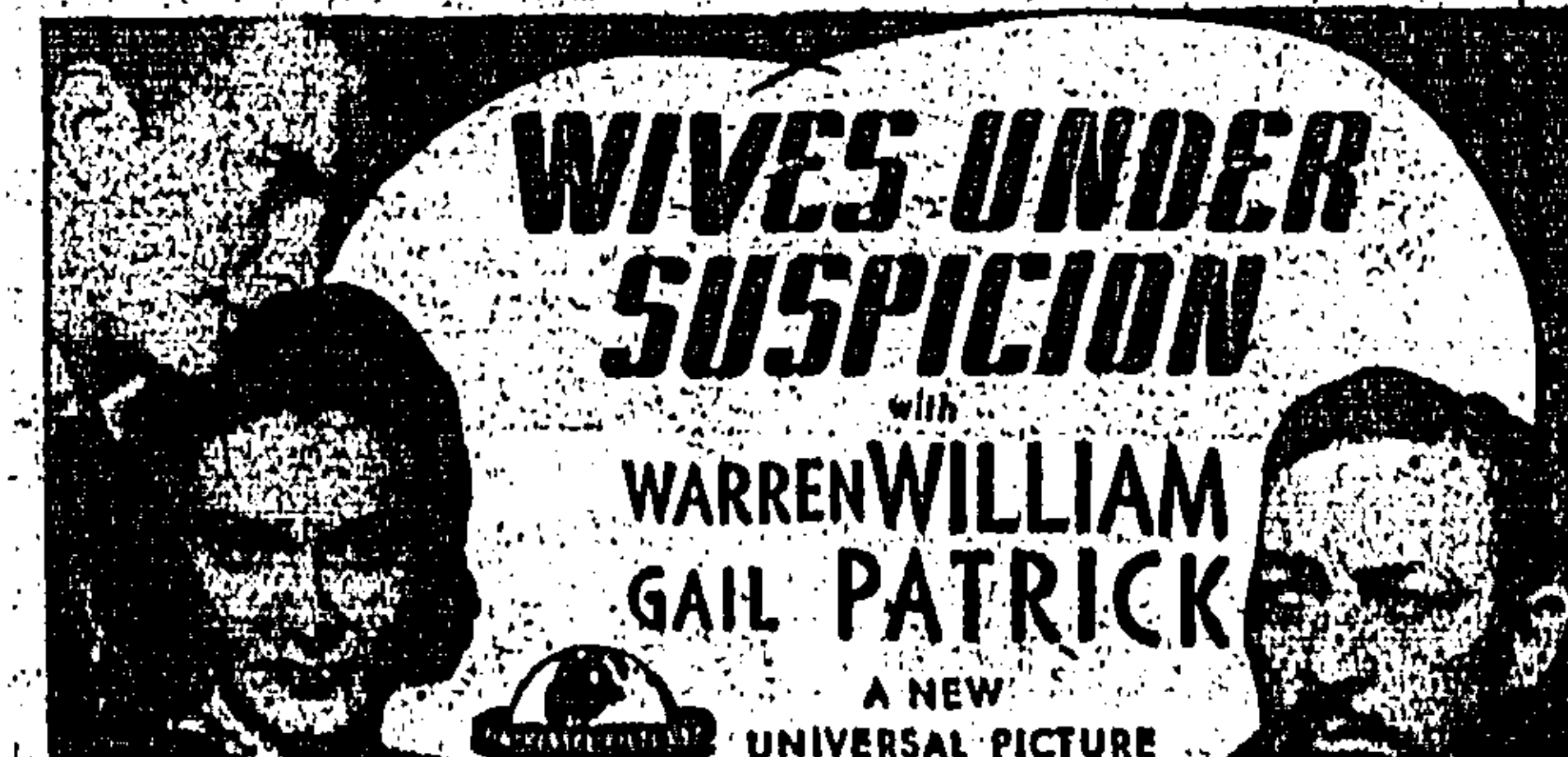
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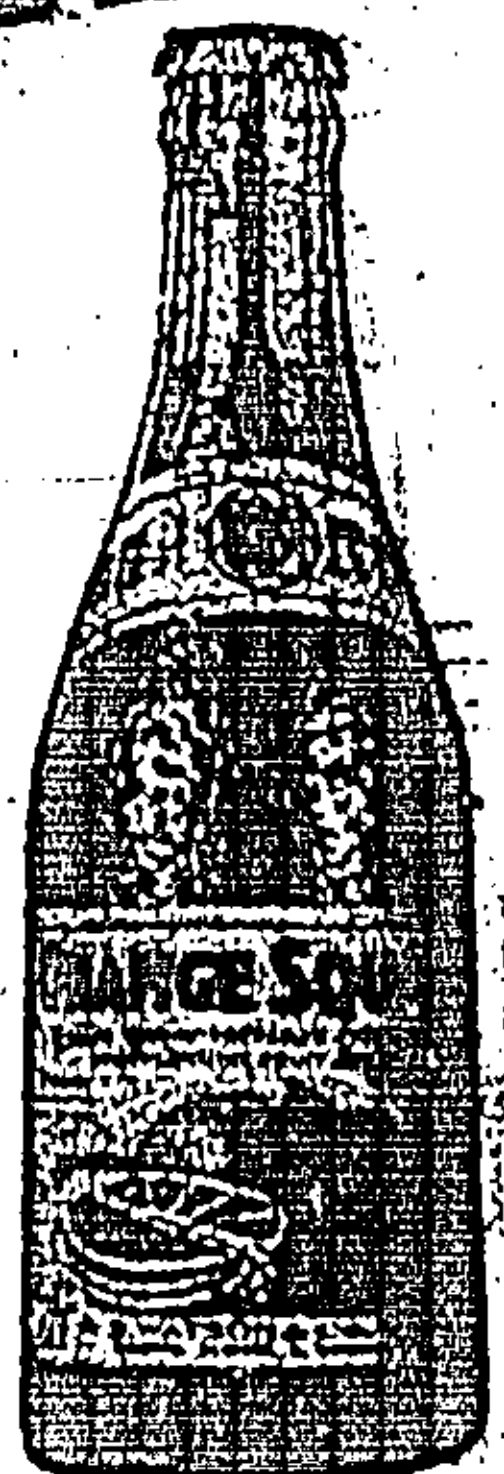
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AIR RAID WARDEN'S IMPRESSIONS OF BOMBING ATTACK

MR. ALLAN TODD, former M.P., who is now an air raid warden in the Midlands, broadcast last night a few of his impressions of the recent raids on that area, raids which have brought residents there their first real taste of bombing from the air.

It would not have surprised him, he said, had he had to announce that the damage done has been very great, because the Midlands are very large industrial areas which, one would think, made an easy target for the enemy.

As a matter of fact, the damage has been extremely small. In one town, a famous market-hall has been destroyed, and there has been a certain amount of damage to houses and, in one or two cases, to factories as well. The really big thing about the raids has been the noise, noise caused not only by falling bombs but also by the roar of the very effective anti-aircraft batteries which put up a tremendous barrage in this area.

There have been a certain number of fires from incendiary bombs and in the dark of the night these sometimes seem to be very big ones, but an examination of the actual damage the next day shows that it was actually quite trifling.

Delayed Action

There have also been delayed-action bombs, which do not explode for some time after being dropped. A few of these have been dropped and have exploded, but thanks to the extremely efficient methods of dealing with them, hardly any damage has been done.

Perhaps the most surprising feature has been the smallness of the casualties. One would imagine that in a highly industrialised area hundreds would be killed when the bombs fell, particularly in the bad streets and the poorer areas.

This has not been so. There have been very few casualties and this is largely due to the excellence of the shelter protection provided and the fact that the public have carried out the advice given them to take shelter whenever hostile planes are about.

Business As Usual

In a large number of cases where houses were destroyed, their owners were not harmed because they were in their shelters when the bombs dropped.

Mr. Todd said that he had often wondered what would be the effect of bombing, when it did start, on the people of the Midlands. In point of fact, they seem to go about their work exactly as they did before.

The only noticeable reaction is the extreme anger always expressed against Hitler and his cronies when they disturb people so often in the middle of the night!

As Mr. Todd's old gardener put it: "He's getting a bit of a bother!"

The raids so far have had little or no effect on the ordinary lives of the people, Mr. Todd concluded, and it will take a great deal more than this to have the slightest effect on the Midlands.—Reuter.

BANK DIRECTOR HEAVILY FINED

Leon Pandelli Argenti, former director of a merchant bank, the name of which has been kept secret, was fined £15,000 at Bow Street police court yesterday for failing to offer for sale to the Treasury two gold bars, worth £6,400, 400 sovereigns and 2,000 Swiss francs.—Reuter.

FIRST STAGE OF CONSCRIPTION

President Roosevelt yesterday signed legislation authorising him to call out 300,000 members of the National Guard and Army Reserve for 12 months' active duty.—Reuter.

INJUNCTION MOTION DISMISSED

Describing proceedings in the Supreme Court this morning as bad from beginning to end, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, dismissed a motion by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, for contempt of an injunction obtained in Chambers on August 2 by Wong Chung-oi and Wong Pak-hee against Wong Siu-kan.

The injunction restrained Wong Siu-kan from interfering with and intermeddling in, and collecting and possessing, of further money payable to the Wong Wai Tsak Tong, of Cheung Chau Island.

Defendant was also ordered to hand over the chops of the Tong and books and documents of the Tong to first plaintiff.

Applying for a motion of contempt of the injunction, Mr. Percy Chen presented an affidavit alleging that defendant did not comply with the contents of the injunction.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin, appeared for defendant.

Mr. Potter submitted that there was no endorsement on the injunction of defendant having received the warning. There was no allegation in the affidavit produced by Mr. Chen and filed in support of the motion, that the memorandum was endorsed. Therefore, there was no evidence that the memorandum was served on defendant.

The motion was dismissed with costs for defendant.

AN IMPORTANT PRECEDENT

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learned yesterday that new developments in America's defence as indicated by the formation of the United States-Canadian Board is being sympathetically followed in London where it is regarded as a precedent which will be followed increasingly not only in the relations between the United States and Canada but in those between the United States and Britain.

The formation of the Defence Board is considered to be a development which may have remarkable results on the economy of the British Empire. This development was assisted considerably by the British Prime Minister's spontaneous offer to America for bases in British possessions in the Western Hemisphere.—Reuter.

U.S. SHIPS MAY CARRY REFUGEES

In Washington yesterday, President Roosevelt signed the Bill authorising American vessels to enter the European combat zone to remove children.

GUNMAN SHOT DEAD IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

In Shanghai yesterday a lone gunman seriously wounded Fong Chih-ching, formerly connected with the French paper, "Journal de Shanghai."

The assassin was following his victim along an important thoroughfare in the French Concession.

Moret, Chief of the French Special Police, and Sergeant Pierre chased and killed the gunman.—Havas.

RAID SAFETY--- UPSTAIRS DOWN

Housewives are turning their homes "upside-down" because of the new "no sirens to be sounded unless real danger is threatened" order. Bedrooms are being switched to the ground floor or basement, and living-rooms and dining-rooms are going upstairs.

The Ministry of Home Security encourages this new precaution.

"Many casualties could be avoided if everyone took the trouble to move into their downstairs rooms for sleeping, and kept the upstairs ones for the daytime," a Ministry official told a reporter.

This upside-down precaution is especially good where there are elderly people or small children living. "But everyone should do it," says the Ministry. Mrs. Alice Pemberton, who is aged eighty-four and has lived in the West End of London since she was a child, refused to be evacuated on the outbreak of war and is one of the hundreds to move to the floor below.

"I'm Staying Here"

"No German is going to get me to leave my home," she said. "I lived here through the last war and I am going to live here through this one."

"It's funny sleeping downstairs, but I can't get about as quick as I used to, and I am near the shelter here. Expect I'll get used to it."

A young Tottenham wife said: "The children are getting a great deal of pleasure from our new sleeping arrangements."

"They sleep in what used to be the dining-room, and the youngest insists on making her bed under the table."

NATHAN ROAD MOTOR MISHAP

A nine-year-old boy, Yeung Yik-pui, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital for slight injuries sustained when knocked down by car No. 5181 in Nathan Road near the Mongkok Police Station yesterday. The car was driven by Mr. G. S. Rutherford.

A number of grease caps were stolen from the Hong Kong Electric Company Power Station, North Point, during Tuesday night.

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EMASCULATED NEWS

To ask Mr. Duff Cooper to battle with the Service Departments and evolve a completely satisfactory system by which war developments, raids, air battles, and such, can be adequately reported by the Press and the Empire news agencies is undoubtedly to invite the Minister of Propaganda to prove himself a super-genius.

Nevertheless, there is enormous room for improvement of present arrangements, a good deal of strange differentiation of treatment which serves only to cause resentment, and the creation of many absurd situations such as inability of Hong Kong newspapers last July to mention that the "Empress of Japan" was carrying evacuees to Manila while Daventry broadcast the name of the ship for the whole world to hear.

Time and again official bulletins so closely identify points of enemy attack that it seems little short of stupid to refer to a S.E. Coast town when Dover is clearly meant.

A greater point of grievance, however, is the favoured treatment granted to the B.B.C. and this issue has again been raised sharply by London papers as the result of a recent broadcast in which Mr. A. G. Gardiner gave an eye-witness description of an air battle—in the style of one of those running commentaries on a football match which used to feature Daventry programmes—followed by Mr. J. B. Priestley, giving a talk in his most vivid style, about his visit to a now depopulated seaside area of unconcealed identity. This lifting of the veil from much that had been severely withheld from the public ken may or may not have been harmless and may have been even expedient; but the departure raises two very pertinent questions.

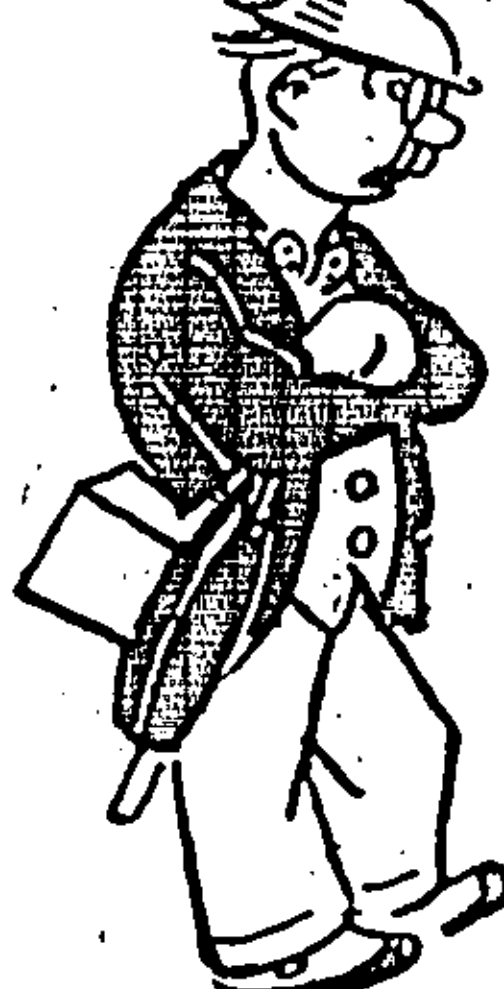
In the first place, how are the restrictions still imposed on Press and public to be justified if they can at will be safely disregarded; and why are they disregarded for some favoured observers and not all?

If the national interest is jeopardised by dis-

A BOMB FELL DOWN
THE CHIMNEY OF
A HOUSE AT THE
CORNER OF
PARASHOT
AVENUE.



WHERE DID
HE GET IT
FROM?



WHAT MAKES YOU
BELIEVE IT?

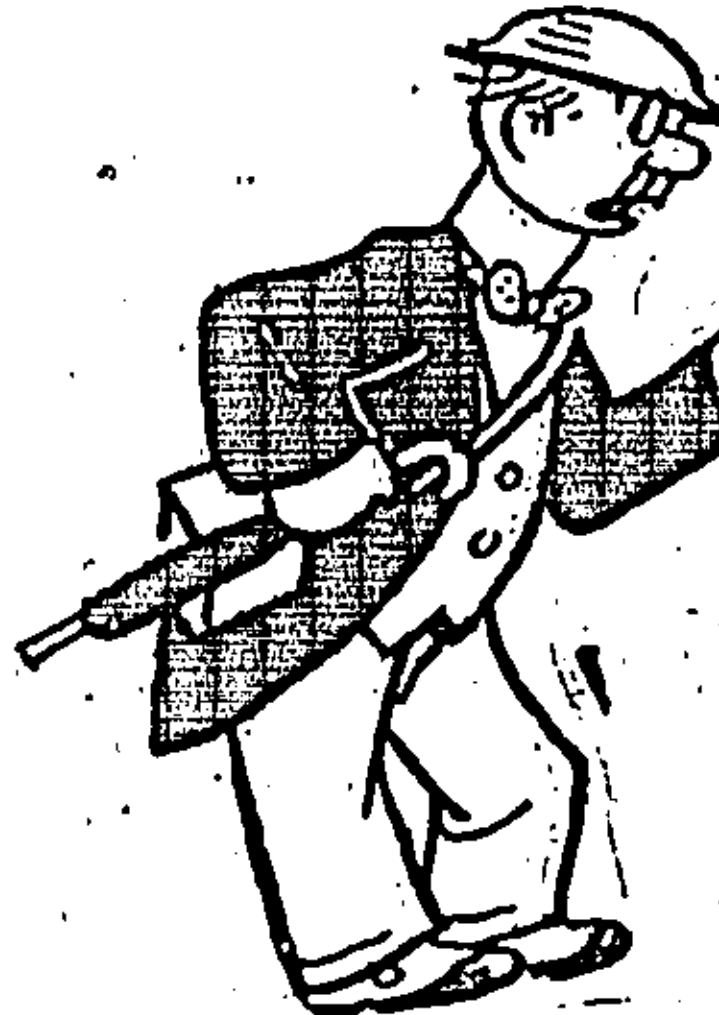


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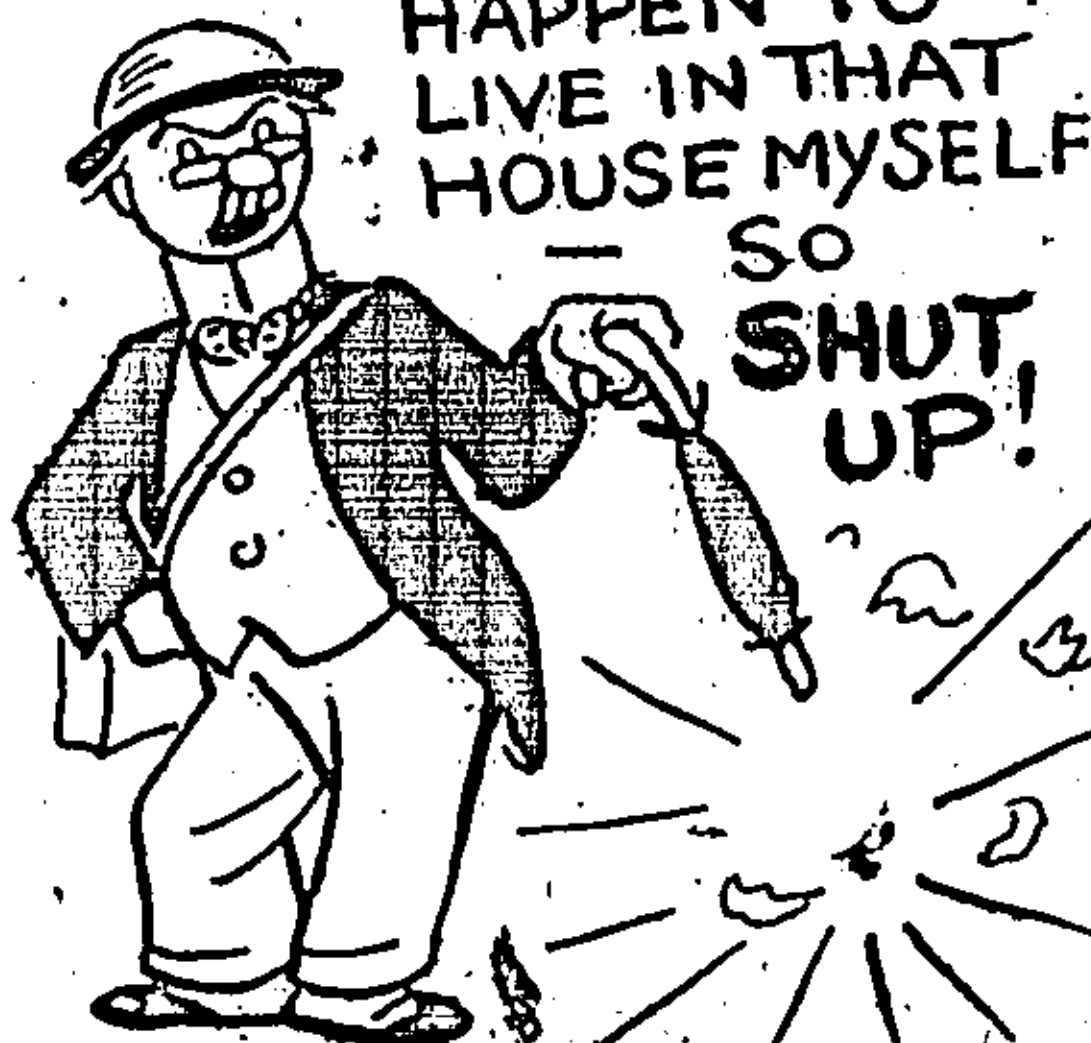
WHO TOLD
YOU THAT?



WHO TOLD
HIM?



WELL, I
HAPPEN TO
LIVE IN THAT
HOUSE MYSELF
— SO
SHUT
UP!



DEFLATING A RUMOUR

The English Village At War

Another war-wedding. The crowd moves down from the grey, ivied church where folk were being born and married and buried in the Wars of the Roses. Nice, remote, uninclusive wars those, rather like a wandering football match. You could keep out of it if you chose and had the sense to stay quiet. Marlborough, Clive, Wellington—the great names were a rumour in the village air. It is different to-day. War is everywhere and close.

It's an all-in war now. The village bridegroom is a sailor and the best man is in the Air Force and there are few young men in the party. For most are away, called up. British conscription rightly spares the farm, but not its younger men. Volunteering or called, they have gone.

The peal of bells is over. Another war-time honeymoon has begun, so bitter-sweet in its brevity of passion. The party is finished, the farmers are away to their steadings. But first they move up to the inn. "One for the road." There will be better trade to-night. And the inn-keeper needs it. Things have been hard for him.

First the locals drank mild ale at fourpence a pint. They couldn't afford the dearer "bitter". Then, with the first War Budget,

closures of precise localities of raided towns and descriptions of the damage done, it cannot matter whether the disclosures are made in the newspapers or on the wireless; and it is not unreasonable to ask what official justification can be offered for such a capricious discrimination.

"mild" went up to fivepence and they said, as they drank, "a penny for the war." Now it is sixpence. Twopence for the war. And cigarettes up fourpence on twenty. A drink and a smoke—that makes sixpence for the war! Many must go short. On the weekly wage of an agricultural labourer, those sixpences are heavy toll.

The Land-Girls Come To Stay

Down the darkening village street two land-girls stroll. The farmers were scornful of them at

By
IVOR BROWN

first and said they would be a luxury not worth the money. During the winter they were not in great demand. But summer means work, and the men have gone. And the farmers, having tried the girls for skill and diligence, find them hard-trained and determined to stick it through the long, laborious hours.

If the girls ever had any illusions about the romance of a jolly farmer's life, they lost them soon enough. They know all about mud and cold and heat and monotony. They know—and they go on.

The land has changed its face. Two million acres of grass had to be ploughed by the end of spring. Each county had its Committee of farmers who settled which mea-

dows could most profitably be turned to arable.

It was local democracy in action, and it worked. A little strife here and there may have broken out, perhaps, but there were grand results on the whole. We have ploughed and planted, according to plan. And so, in August, do we hope to reap.

Mutton From The Golf-Course

The cottage gardens were always carefully dug for a domestic crop of roots and greens. Now more so than ever and you will see that extra patches have been taken in for private cultivation, pieces by the roadside, for example, long neglected. A man who has more land than he can use lends others a section. We shall not lack vegetables in the autumn. The golf-course away on the hillside is a forlorn place during the week and few enough can get there at week-ends. But it is doing its bit. The many acres of rich and delicate turf are being cropped by hundreds of sheep.

These do the work of the mowing machines, now idle since the clubs ground-staff has naturally dwindled. It is the sheep who now keep the fairways in some sort of trim and prevent "the rough" from becoming a jungle. The course also works for farmer and butcher by turning into mutton the grass that used to be thrown aside.

Market-days in the near-by town are quieter than they used to be. There is no free market in fat-stock now. The beasts are sold at control prices. These Government controls are spreading everywhere and they efficiently prevent profiteering.

No New Rich This Time

During the last war many farmers, like many manufacturers,

"Number 10"

Home Of The Famous

No. 10 Downing Street, which Mr. Winston Churchill has just made his official home, is familiar enough to him, for he has been going in and out of it at intervals for the past 30 years or more. The drab exterior of this famous house, by the way, gives no indication of the comfort and beauty to be found within.

The property was originally part of the forfeited estate of the Earl of Litchfield. George I. gave it to Baron Rothman, the Hanoverian Minister, for life, and, on his death, in 1731, George II. offered it to Sir Robert Walpole as a personal gift. Walpole, however, declined to accept it, but after that the premises "went" with the offices of Chancellor of the Exchequer and First Lord of the Treasury.

No. 10 is in a narrow cul-de-sac, leading out of Whitehall. Actually there is a flight of steps at the

By R.N. Carrington

other end leading to St. James Park, but this "exit" is not often used. Opposite is the grey building of the Foreign Office, under whose arches a short cut may be taken to the Houses of Parliament on the Thames Embankment.

In times of crisis or national excitement and anxiety, it is customary for Londoners to gather in front of the Foreign Office and watch visitors go to and from No. 10. Even the Suffragettes did not forget No. 10. To advertise "the cause" they sometimes chained themselves to the railings!

The front door opens into a wide lounge hall, at the far end of which is a small passage where Cabinet Ministers hang their coats and hats. The name of each Minister is placed under a peg.

When Gladstone lived at No. 10 his Thursday morning breakfasts became famous. Lions of the day met at these gatherings, and exchanged views. Lord Salisbury and Sir Robert Peel (the Prime Minister who established the "modern" police force) used No. 10 only for official purposes. Lord Rosebery lived there, but did not like it. The languid Arthur Balfour, burly Campbell-Bannerman, scholarly Asquith, eloquent Lloyd George, Ramsay MacDonald, dreamer and idealist, and Neville Chamberlain, all made it their home at intervals.

Downing Street, however, has seen other famous men, such as Boswell, who lived there in 1763, Gibbon, the historian, and Lord Sheffield.

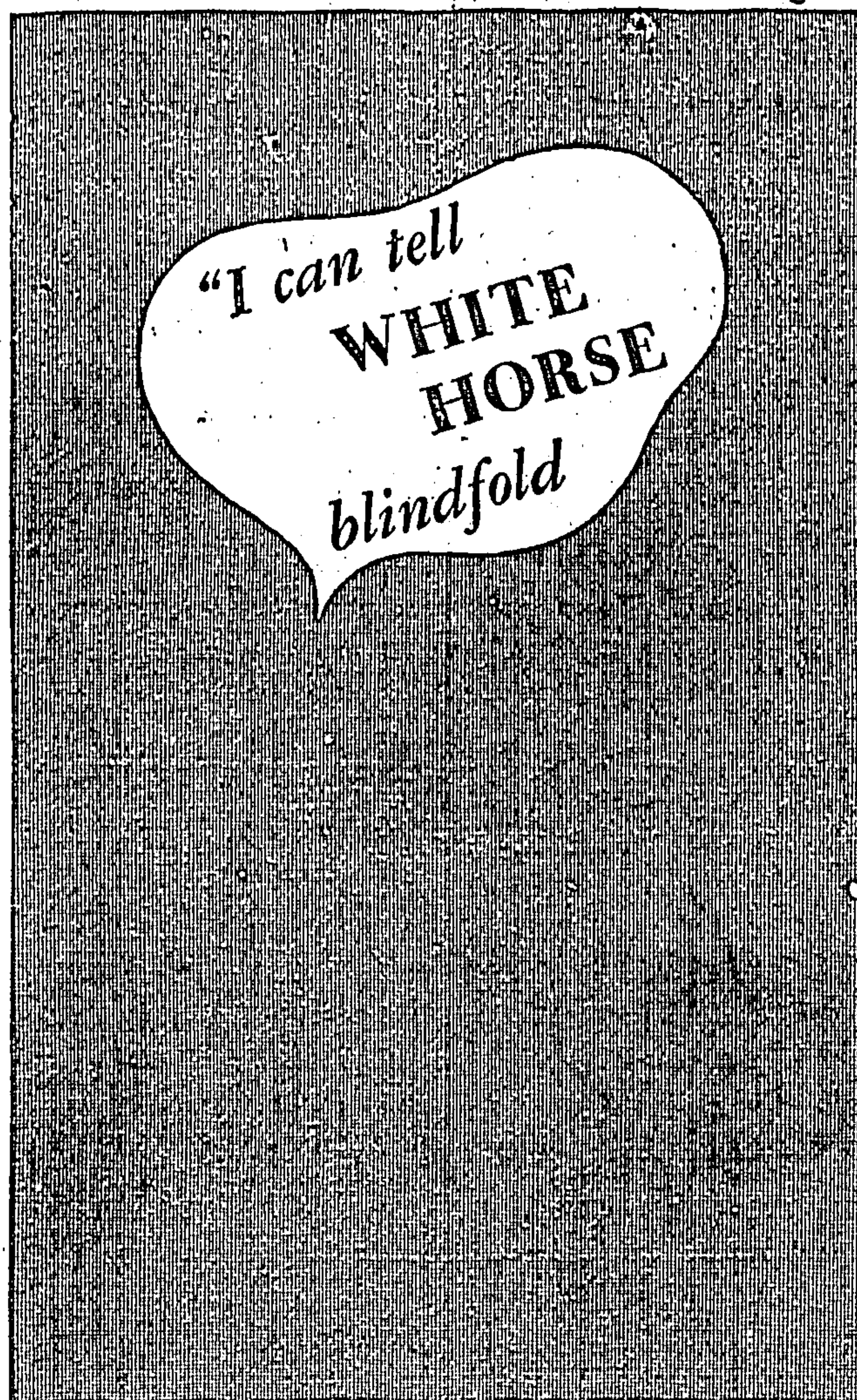
The great Earl of Chatham was carried there from the House of Lords after he collapsed during an oration.

The Cabinet room, with its long, narrow table, is, of course, famous throughout the world. Contrary to general custom, the Prime Minister does not sit at the head of the table, but in the centre of the side facing the windows. These look out on a little garden surrounded with a high wall, always guarded by a policeman when Cabinet is sitting. During long sittings it is not unusual for Ministers to talk over State affairs in this garden oasis.

were able to "make a packet", as the saying went. It will not happen again. The Government fixes the prices: eggs, grain, milk, meat, all have their stated value. These prices will never satisfy all parties; but most people regard them as fair to producer and consumer. They give the farmer a chance to exist decently, to exist but not to exploit.

The war has brought many changes to the English village. The young men of the village have gone, and their elders are busy, very busy: extra food production, Air Raid Protection drills and practices, use up the countryman's leisure.

Does he finish in time for the nine o'clock news on the radio? If so, what he hears only strengthens his resolve. He is not a mouth-fighter, and our village inn has not resounded with a lot of vocal patriotism and cursing of the foe. The village is getting on with its job. The more to do, the less to say.



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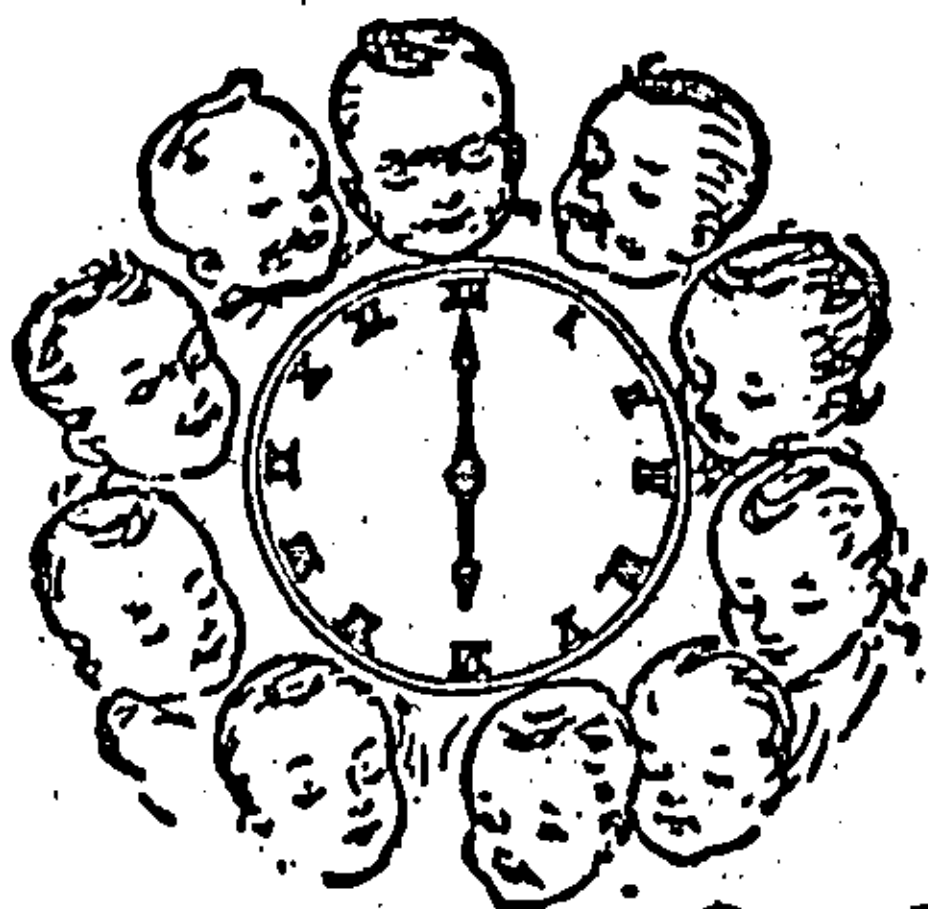
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R.A.F. PENETRATES DEEPER INTO NAZI KEY REGIONS

EXPERTS ON GERMANY'S economic system expressed the view in London yesterday that the Royal Air Force bombing raids have seriously checked much of Germany's economic life and affected synthetic oil production in many places.

The morale of the workers has also suffered from the repeated raids. Incidentally, it has been reported that industrial workers in the Ruhr have been going to bed at 6 p.m. in order to get some sleep before the raids start.

Longer nights, it is pointed out, will enable the R.A.F. to penetrate even further into Germany and attack big plants.

Port traffic from Hamburg to Bremen has been affected and a strain placed on German rail resources. Aircraft production has also been affected.

The production of oil in Europe, excluding the U.S.S.R., in 1940, has been estimated at 11,280,000 tons, while in peacetime Germany consumed 20 million tons a year, hence her difficulty now, with supplies from abroad cut off, can be assessed.

Longer Nights

R.A.F. air activity has naturally been directed mainly against Western Germany so far, where not only 40 per cent. of German synthetic oil supplies are located but also where two and a half million tons out of the total capacity of German oil refineries of three million tons are to be found. A large percentage of the German oil storing capacity is also located at these refineries, which are highly vulnerable to air attack and which, indeed, have been repeatedly and successfully attacked.

With the coming of longer nights, R.A.F. raiders have been further afield and attacks made against oil plants in Central Germany, where half Germany's total synthetic oil production is located.

One of the principal oil plants in Germany, that at Leuna in Central Germany, was the object of successful R.A.F. attacks, one as recently as the night of August 26th.

Industrial Targets

Turning to industrial targets in Germany, other than oil, it is pointed out that though the bulk of German aircraft production is located fairly far afield, the assemblage is carried on largely in Western Germany and it is believed that German power to replace aircraft losses sustained in the raids over Britain has already been appreciably reduced by bombing attacks on these plants and others engaged in the production of aircraft materials.

Longer nights are now enabling the R.A.F. to follow up these preliminary attacks with heavier and even more damaging raids on larger works, situated further into the interior such as Dessau and Augsburg. The Messerschmidt factory at Augsburg was raided last night.

Transport Havoc

German transport has undoubtedly severely suffered from raids. Considerable damage has been done to docks at Hamburg and Bremen and ships now, largely, have to use ports further east. The destruction at ports necessitates further recourse to the already overstrained German railway system. Still further demands have had to be made on railways owing to the destruction of the vitally important aqueduct on the Dortmund-Ems Canal, which formed the chief transport link between the Rhineland and North-West and Central Germany.

Goods to the equivalent of 400 trainloads which used daily to cross the aqueduct in barges now have to be transported by rail.

But the railway system itself was also been damaged. Great marshalling yards at Hamm have been attacked almost nightly for many weeks. In particular, heavy industries in the Ruhr have been affected by the tremendous strain put on the German railway system for a constant supply of materials is essential for their continuation.

So frequent have been R.A.F. raids on industries in the Ruhr that a large percentage of the inhabitants have been evacuated west into France. — British Wire- less.

CANADIAN ARMY CORPS TO BE FORMED

A CANADIAN ARMY CORPS WILL BE FORMED IN ENGLAND UNDER LIEUTENANT-GENERAL MCNAUGHTON, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE, AS SOON AS THE SECOND CANADIAN DIVISION HAS COMPLETED ITS ENGLISH TRAINING. COLONEL RALSTON, DEFENCE MINISTER, DECLARED YESTERDAY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA.

Colonel Ralston added: "And that won't be very long!" The Minister for Defence also revealed that the Third Canadian Division was being concentrated on the Atlantic seaboard during the first fortnight of October and continued:

"Our front line is on the English Channel and our drive is to put everything there, even if it means going short over here."

The present is just a phase which is to be followed by a British offensive. We cannot tell when or where, but the Canadians will play their part as well as they are doing now in active defence. — Reuter.

N.Z. AIRMEN ARRIVE

A large contingent of New Zealanders, consisting of pilots, air gunners and naval airmen, arrived in the United Kingdom for service in the Royal Navy and Fleet Air Arm.

The High Commissioner, Mr. Jordan, officially welcomed the men on their arrival. — Reuter.

ITALIAN FRONTIER POST RAIDED

An official communique issued in Cairo yesterday states that on Monday a mechanised British patrol of Sudanese troops successfully raided the Italian frontier post at Adardeb, which was left in flames.

Many casualties were inflicted. On Tuesday afternoon, Halfa was again bombed with negligible damage. There were few casualties among civilians but none was fatal. — Reuter.

HORACE WILSON UNPOPULAR

A demand that the Government should put an end to the "unfortunate influence" of Sir Horace Wilson—the Civil Service chief who was Chamberlain's main adviser in the appeasement muddle — was made in the House of Commons.

The M.P. who made it was Mr. F. S. Cocks, Socialist. He also said some senior Civil Servants should be replaced by men capable of initiative and rapid decision.

Sir Horace Wilson, posted to Downing Street in 1935 under the title of Chief Industrial Adviser, haunted No. 10 during the whole of the Chamberlain era as chief appeasement adviser.

He became the most important man behind Chamberlain, and took such a leading part in the events culminating at Munich that at the height of the crisis he was sent alone by air to Berlin to see Hitler and pave the way for Chamberlain.

Civil Servants are not usually criticised in Parliament. But Sir Horace Wilson's influence in the disastrous appeasement policy roused anger and protest.

This man, whose "unfortunate influence" is still being questioned in the Commons, is head of Britain's Civil Service—Permanent Secretary to the Treasury.

JAPAN TO INTENSIFY WHALING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Japan must dot the seas of the Antarctic with more whalers this coming season, says the "Osaka Mainichi" in a leading article to-day.

Because the European hostilities have driven Norwegian, British and German whalers out of competition, Japanese whaling companies should be more active, the paper says.

The "Osaka, Mainichi" reveals that the Japan Marine Products Company has organised three flotillas of between six and nine vessels each and is busy equipping three new whalers, one of which will be powered with a diesel engine.

As far as Japan is concerned, the whaling season will begin October 10 this year, one month earlier than usual. Until December 8, however, whaling will be restricted, for certain species only may be hunted until that date. — Havas.

HOMES FOR VICTIMS

Hundreds of buildings have been taken over in the London area for use as food and rest shelters by people who might be left homeless through air raids.

Volunteers to run the shelters are needed, Miss Halpin, chief of the Metropolitan department of the Women's Voluntary Service, told a meeting of women office workers at the Mansion House.

51,000 GERMAN REFUGEES

Approximate numbers of refugees in Britain are: German, 51,000; Austrian, 4,750; Polish, 3,000; Dutch, 1,600; Belgian, 13,900; Czech, 7,450; Spanish, 930. These figures are given by the Home Secretary in a written answer.

WAAF GIRL SAVED HOPES OF A STUNNED PILOT NEW BRITAIN

CORPORAL (now Assistant Section Officer) Joan Pearson, of the W.A.A.F., wrote home to her mother to say that she had been "concerned in a little something," and that her name had been "sent to the King."

Mrs. Pearson wondered what that "little something" was. And then, she heard. Her daughter had been recommended for the Military Division medal of the O.B.E. for gallantry. She is the first member of the W.A.A.F. to be decorated.

Here is the official account of Joan Pearson's "little something":

"On May 31, 1940, at 1 a.m., an aircraft crashed near the Women's Auxiliary Air Force quarters, the pilot being seriously injured.

"Upon hearing the crash Corporal Pearson rushed out to it, and although the aircraft was burning and she knew that there were bombs aboard she stood on the wreckage, roused the pilot, who was stunned, and assisted him in getting clear, releasing his parachute harness in doing so.

"When he was on the ground about 30 yards away a 120lb. bomb went off. Corporal Pearson at once threw herself on top of the pilot to protect him from blast and splinters. Her prompt and courageous action undoubtedly helped to save the pilot's life."

Someone read this account recently to Mrs. Pearson at Towan Farm, St. Ives, Cornwall.

"So that's when Joan meant," she said. "She gave me no idea in her letter that it was anything like that."

"She did say that her name had been sent to the King, but she hoped that nothing would be done about it."

Loved Flying

And here is a picture of Joan Pearson gathered from her mother from friends at home and from fellow members of the W.A.A.F.

She is 29 and dark and very gay except when she's at work. She was a photographer in the lovely Cornish village of St Ives until war broke out.

But her one great love in life was flying, and she learned to fly—or almost. She had only a few more hours to do when war broke out.

Joan was told that she would not be permitted to fly in wartime, but she could become an orderly in the medical section of the W.A.A.F.

It wasn't flying but the job brought her near aeroplanes. She did well; was promoted corporal—was concerned in this "little something"—and has now been given a commission.

HE AIDED ESCAPED PRISONER

Edward James Hutchings Wylie, forty-three, radio engineer, and Mrs. Lucy Wylie, thirty-four, of Castlenau, Barnes, S.W., were at Bow Street, London, remanded in custody charged with harbouring an escaped prisoner of war, George Willi Gustav Barnick, and aiding him with intent to prevent or interfere with his apprehension.

Detective-Sergeant Ivor Williams, of the Special Branch, said he found Barnick at the Wylie's flat. He was a British subject, born of German parents, and had been interned.

The magistrate, Mr. Fry, pointed out that as an internee Barnick was not a prisoner of war.

Sergeant Williams said the term "prisoner of war" in the Defence Regulations included "a person in respect of whom there is in force an order for detention."

The Magistrate: That is not quite the same thing.

Wylie said he gave Barnick some lunch, and it was "not until all the trouble started" that he knew he had escaped.

CHANNEL ISLANDERS AID

Channel Islanders have formed a Refugees Committee at 67, Watling Street, London, E.C.1, consisting of representatives of Jersey, Guernsey, and Alderney, which will supply information and give other help to Channel Islands refugees. The committee hope also to aid Channel Islanders serving in British Forces and who are cut off from their homes.

£200,000 TO 'LOSE' A WIFE

Here's a problem for a wife: Would you give up your wealthy husband if he offered you £200,000 to do so?

It's the problem facing screen artist Ann St. George, wife of dollar-millionaire Alexis Thompson.

Alexis, who is 25, wants to marry Betty Grable, former wife of Jackie Coogan.

He has offered Mrs. Thompson a fifth of his \$5,000,000 fortune if she will give him the freedom so that he can propose to Betty.

To-day Betty is wearing a diamond and ruby ring. She admits it is a gift from Alexis, but says she is not ready to announce anything yet.

Neither is Mrs. Thompson.

The Mercantile Bank of India have been advised by their London Office that the Board of Directors have declared an interim dividend of 6 per cent., less income tax.

"Britain is not only fighting a war, she is going through a revolution," writes the Boston "Herald" in New York.

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"British thought is not entirely confined to military problems of the moment, crucial as they are, but is able, with its remarkable trait of self-detachment, to appraise the nation's long-term needs and lay plans for meeting them."

"They give hope, moreover, that a new Britain will eventually arise, a Britain which, in its practical application of democracy, may outdistance the world." — Reuter.

TO HELP PEOPLE NOT TO PANIC

Clergy are urged by the Bishop of Bristol (Dr. C. S. Woodward) to advise people not to panic or flee from their homes during air raids or other war incidents. Every clergyman is asked, if compelled to be absent from his parish to arrange for another clergyman to take his place.

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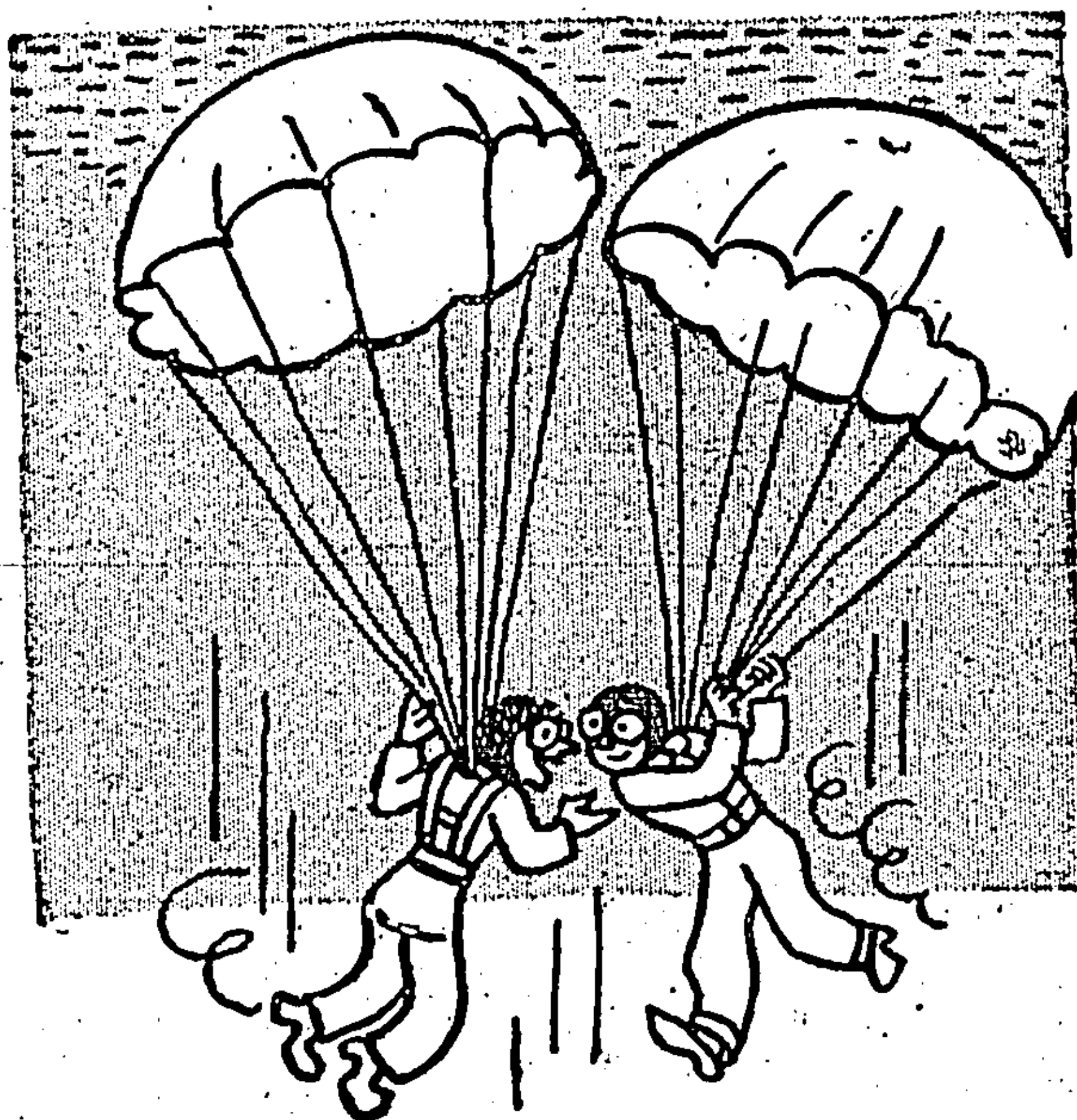
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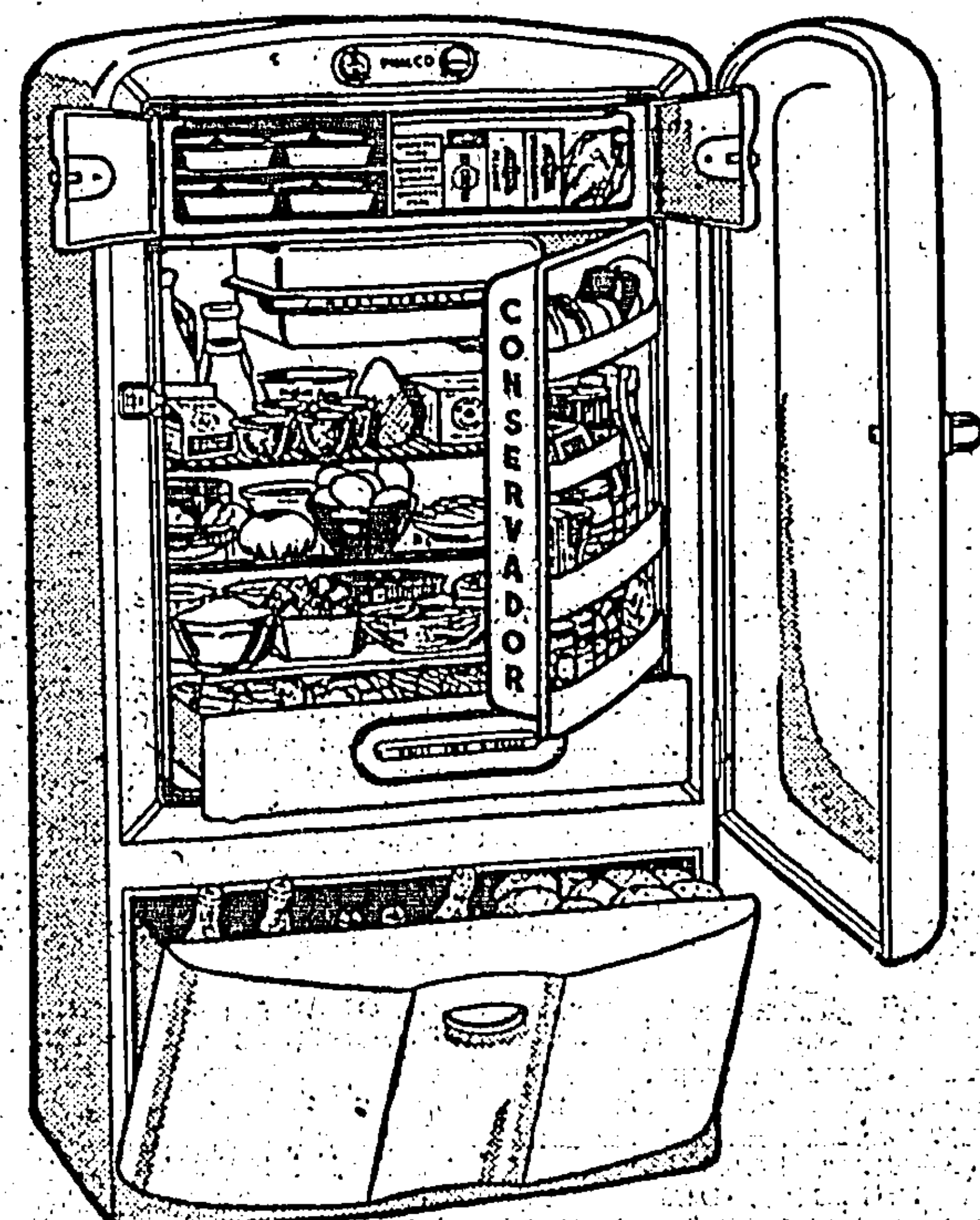


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♠ N	♥ W	♦ E	♣ S
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The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of diamonds, and dummy won with the King. The spade finesse lost to West's King, and that gentleman promptly attacked the hearts by leading the Ace and then the seven. But South let the seven of hearts ride around to his Jack, drew trumps, and lost one club. He thus made his contract.

Now you have all the clues you need. Some one committed a Bridge crime. Who? And what was the crime? Decide for yourself before going on. West was the criminal! When he won with the King of spades it was quite proper for him to attack hearts — but he should have led the heart Queen! Dummy would win with the heart King, but when East took the club King a heart lead would net two tricks for West's Ace-ten of hearts. West knew the contract could be defeated only by winning two hearts and a club, but his play depended on finding the heart Jack in East's hand; the correct play succeeds no matter where the heart Jack is.

their side vulnerable, you held:

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 5	♥ 9 6 3 2	♦ Q 9 4	♣ A 10 8 5 2
♠ 1♥	♠ 1♠	♠ 2♥	♠ Pass
♠ 3♥	♠ Pass	♠ (?)	♠ Pass

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. You have slightly more strength than you needed for the raise to two hearts and should therefore accept your partner's invitation to go to game.

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QUESTION NO. 501

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner, and with neither side vulnerable you hold:

♠ J 7 5 3	♥ Q 8 2	♦ A 5	♣ Q 7 6 4
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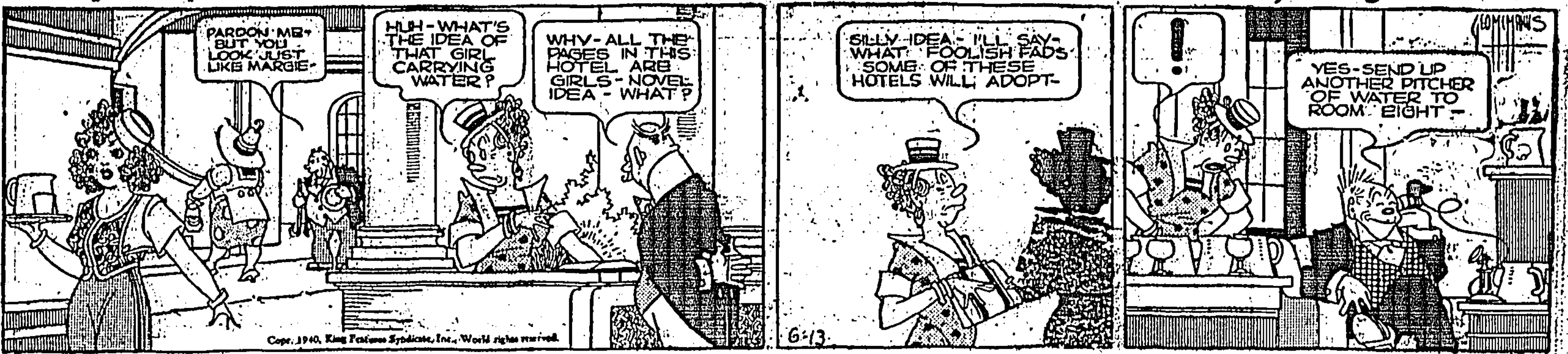
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Bendings and Twistings Good for Slimming

A thick waistline is usually the result of physical inactivity, unless you are so proportioned in bone structure that your chest, waist and hips vary little in measurement. Girls so proportioned are usually very tall and very slim. The majority of women should approximate these measurements: Bust—twenty-nine inches plus the number of inches you exceed five feet in height. Waist—eight inches less than bust measurement. Hips—two inches more than bust measurement.

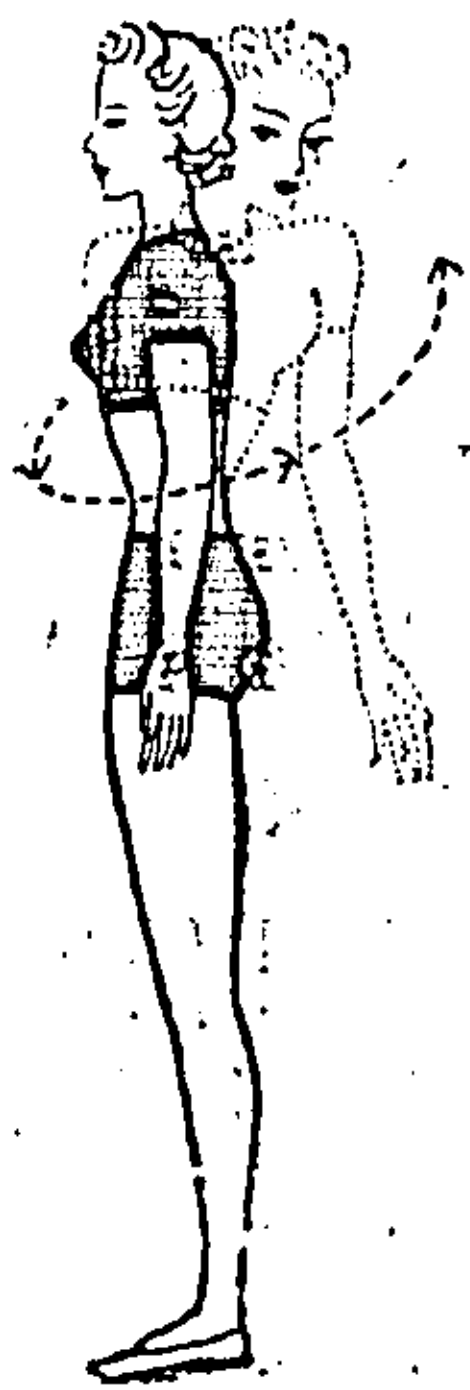
Thus a girl who is five feet, six inches tall should boast of these measurements: Bust—35 inches, Waist—27 inches, Hips—37 inches.

These rather normal (or average) measurements can be retained if you exercise sufficiently, eat intelligently and get the rest you need.

To Attain Wasp Waist

According to Neils Bukh, whose famous exercises I feature occasionally in this column, the lengthened wasp waist, so much in fashion to-day, is achieved by stretching and twisting the muscles of the waistline. He has devised a series of movements which, if done regularly and rhythmically, tends to slim the waist noticeably. His theory is that these suggested twisting and bendings will remove the bumps and bulges of flesh which thicken the midriff of the inactive body.

Repeat this exercise ten times each side.



Stand in erect position as indicated in sketch above. With all the movement in the waist, twist the upper part of your body vigorously to one side, pushing the shoulder as far back as possible. (See dotted figure.) Then swing the upper part of your body to other side pushing that shoulder back as far as possible.

Do this exercise in a rhythmic swing as if it were part of a dance. Repeat ten times.

Part II

Now drop the body forward limply, knees lightly bent, hands touching the toes. From this position "bob" up and down five or six times as if you were a puppet and someone was pulling you up by a string and then releasing you. Relax and repeat three or four times.

Household Hints

To avoid a hard shine on lingerie, cover with a thin piece of muslin when ironing.

To preserve household silver which is not in regular use, pack the articles away in starch, completely covering them. They will retain their brightness.

If you give your straw-mattings a coat of varnish they will last much longer.

DESIGNERS IN A HUDDLE

Divided Skirts For City Wear

Petrol rationing has pushed the luxury car off the road, started a new bicycling craze, and sent all the London dress designers into a huddle.

Their job has been to design outfits which fit in with this new kind of transport. They have to think out frocks which can go to the Ritz—on a bicycle—and sweaters and slacks which can stand up to a cycling week-end in the country.

They're finishing off what Mrs. Angela Bloomer started just a little less than a hundred years ago.

It is possible now to have an entire wardrobe which is based on London's new obsession: Lingerie, too. Petticoats, suspender belts, and sheer stockings don't fit in with cycles, and so we have feminine versions of men's long underpants.

In fine pale blue wool, with mother-of-pearl buttons, they are not madly unbecoming—and they are very comforting. This particular outfit goes under slacks. To wear with short cycling breeches, designers have thought out a tailored shirt and pants which look very like a man's running shorts and shirt. Pale blue ribbon binding makes them rather gay.

Hand-Knitted Woollen Stockings

Fine hand-knitted woollen stockings—in robin redbreast red,

or canary yellow—have elastic tops. They keep up without suspenders. Low-heeled suede shoes go with slacks; wool-lined ankle boots with breeches or divided skirts.

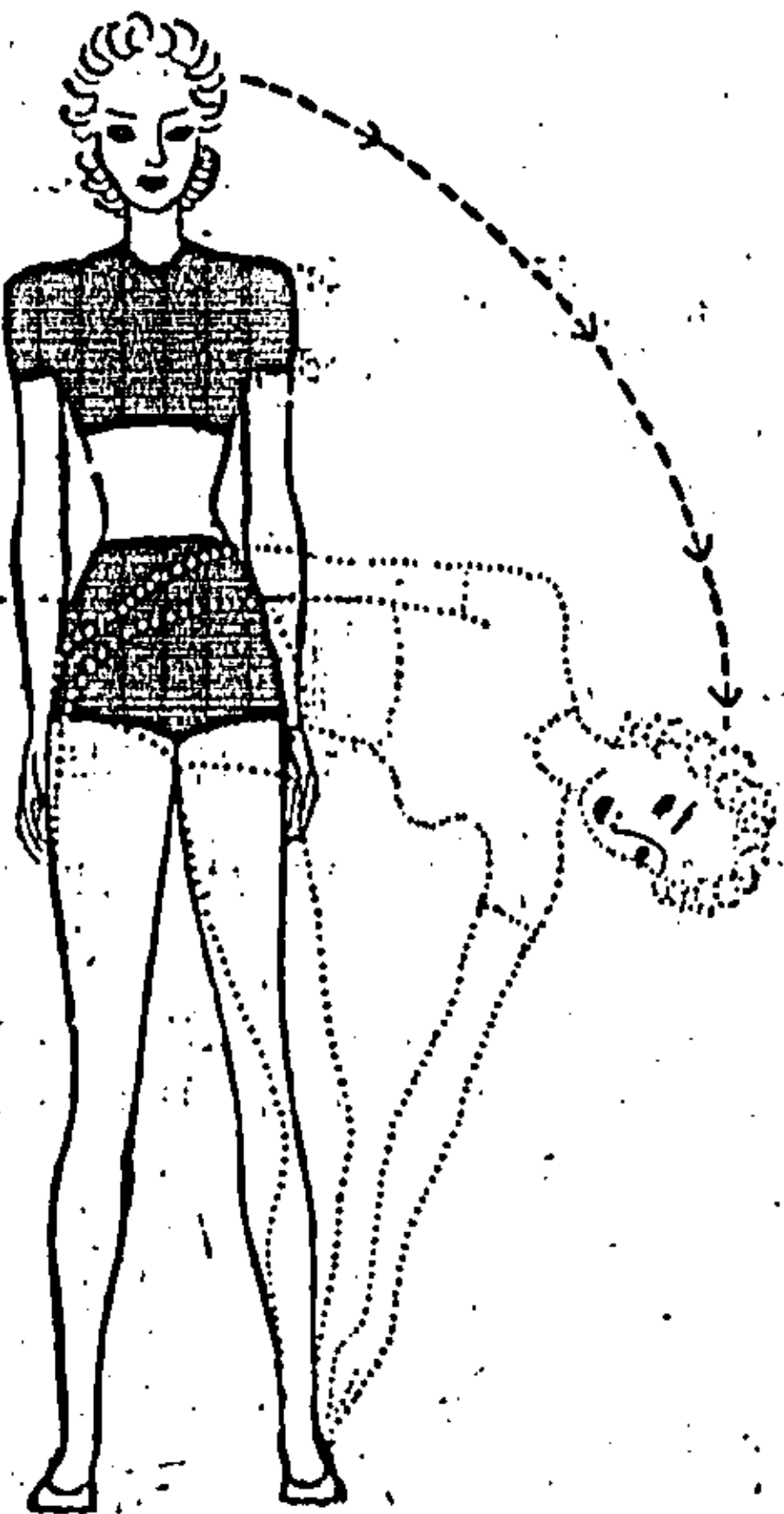
For cycling from town to country cottage, London designers suggest a honey brown wool zippered suit with a matching jacket made with knitted sleeves to give freedom of movement. A bright yellow knitted hood and gloves go with this suit—so do canary yellow socks which go over the slacks. For cycling down to the village there is a little boy-model in misty blue tweed, made with belted Norfolk jacket and knee-length breeches. A fine wool scarf twists up into a turban; is matched by flame red knitted woollen stockings.

Masquerade

But, in town; the case is altered. Designers, plunging heavily on breeches, bloomers, and slacks for the country, can't quite get round—thank heaven—to the same idea for London.

They do divided skirts instead, tailoring them so beautifully that they masquerade as womanly skirts until the commissionaire wheels a bicycle up to the steps. Then a flower-printed frock—built for cocktail dances—shows that its pleats disguise a divided skirt; striped suits, built for smart luncheon parties, show that they are modestly effective on a cycle.

Even Mrs. Bloomer's opposers wouldn't look askance at these.



Stand with feet apart as illustrated with body completely relaxed. Drop your torso to one side, bending the knee slightly, and touch your ankle with your hand (dotted figure shows how). Return to standing position, completely relaxed, and drop torso to other side.

Mustard that has dried up in the pot is a worry and a waste. To avoid this, get a suitably shaped bottle that can be corked. Then to dry mustard from the tin, add vinegar to make a sort of mustard "putty." Add milk, stirring well, till the right consistency is obtained. Bottle and cork the mixture, which can then be used to the very last.

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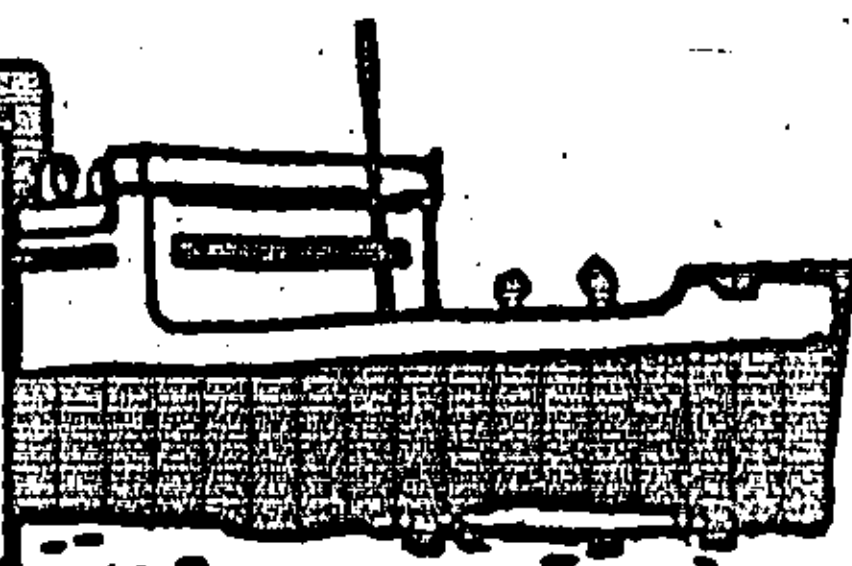
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Hungarian Music by Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

12.43 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

1.03 p.m.—Selections from Ivor Novello's Shows.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—"The Sleeping Princess" Suite. Sadler's Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.

6.28 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.30 p.m.—An hour of Popular Classics. Comfort Ye, My People ("Messiah"—Handel); Every Valley Shall Be Exalted ("Messiah"—Handel);...

Walter Widdop (Tenor) with Orch.

Nocturne in E Flat Major (Chopin, Op. 9, No. 2)....The Angelus Octet.

"Carmen"—Prelude to Act 1 (Bizet)....Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

Je Dis Que Rien Ne M'Espouvante (Micaela's Air—"Carmen"—Bizet)....Elde Norena (Soprano) with Orch.

Sonata in C Sharp Minor ("Moonlight") (Beethoven, Op. 27, No. 2)....Egon Petri (Piano).

Berceuse De Jocelyn (Godard)....Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orch.

Softly awakes my heart ("Samson & Delilah"—Saint-Saens)....Maria Olczewska (Contralto).

Menuet (Boccherini)....Orchestre Symphonique.

Even Bravest Heart ("Faust"—Gounod)....Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orch.

Pomp and Circumstance March, No. 4 in G (Elgar)....The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.

The Maidens of Cadiz (Delibes)....Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orch.

Waltz in A Flat Major (Brahms)....Isido Menges (Violin).

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—A Programme of Latest Dance Music.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.

9.45 p.m.—A Cello and Piano Recital by Pau Casals and Vladimir Horowitz.

10.15 p.m.—Puccini's "La Boheme"—Acts II and III.

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CHAD'S DECISION TO AID DE GAULLE

THE DECISION of the Governor and military commander of Chad to rally to General de Gaulle's standard was seen in London yesterday as a heartening sign and has been greeted with enthusiasm by all free Frenchmen, who are continuing to fight against Nazism, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The moral courage of those who made this decision is appreciated by all and will inspire those Frenchmen who still value freedom.

From a military point of view, the decision makes little change in the situation. In the heart of Africa — bounded by Oubangui, the Cameroons and the Niger on the south and west and the Sudan on the east, it is separated from Libya by Tigesti, part of which was ceded to Italy by M. Laval in 1935, but access to Libya from Chad is difficult as the desert to the north of the territory is savage and desolate in the extreme.

But the decision to continue to fight will prevent any possible nuisance value which the Axis might acquire by infiltration into the Colony and attempting to cause trouble in the Sudan.

Chief Value

The territory's native popula-

STOCK EXCHANGE DEALINGS

On the London Stock Exchange yesterday, early interest in Kaffirs was maintained by details of the supplementary South African Budget, which is considered less burdensome than expected.

Gilt-edged securities made a good showing.

Despite talk of demands for wage increases, iron and steel held well. Elsewhere price movements were narrowly irregular. Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

tion has been increased in recent years by the influx of Senussi, fleeing from the Italian terror in Libya.

The chief value of the decision to continue to fight is expressed in the words of General de Gaulle — "Chad has refused to recognise a shameful surrender and has decided to continue the war until victory is achieved. By its laudable decision it has shown the path of duty and given the signal for renaissance to the whole French Empire."

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By "Sportshawk"

PREPARING FOR THE coming football season, Kowloon Football Club entertained Royal Engineers on the home ground yesterday afternoon in a friendly match in which they were defeated by the odd goal in five, after sharing two goals at the interval.



HARD-FOUGHT MATCH

Two matches in the bowls pairs tourney were played at Kowloon Football Club yesterday. L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro played 21 heads against R. P. Phillips and J. E. Henson to a score of 17-17, when, owing to darkness, the extra head was not played. It will take place to-day at 5.30 p.m. H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro (holders) beat P. A. Peckham and W. McNeill 24-11.

"Bowlers" Win

The return match between the Bowlers and the Volunteers A.S.C. was played at Kowloon Bowling Green yesterday, the former winning 68-58. W. L. Walker, N. L. Smith, I. Newton, J. Deacon lost to D. Gow, F. Filpance, W. Hyde, J. G. Meyer 18-21. W. A. Cornell, R. R. Wood, J. T. Smith, S. H. Dodwell beat R. R. Davies, S. A. Sleep, E. Kern, C. S. Rosset 29-16. J. A. Fraser, Sir Atholl MacGregor, J. Smalley, H. H. Pegg drew with H. V. Pearce, G. H. Cuthill, F. Cullen, E. Tuck 21-21.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following teams have been selected for the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

K.B.C.C.
First Division (v C.C.C. away):—R. Lapeley, R. H. Lapeley, F. Callen and J. Kempton (skip); A. M. Calman, J. Revie, T. Colman and J. McKelvie (skip); M. Ferguson, W. McMaster, T. Cooper and R. Morrison (skip).

RECREIO
First Division, "Recreio A" (v Hong Kong Football Club away):—F. X. Soares, H. A. Alves, J. E. Noronha and R. F. Luz (skip); L. F. Xavier, C. M. Silva, F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (skip); J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (skip).

RECREIO B
First Division, "Recreio B" (v Civil Service C.C. Home):—F. A. Machado, C. A. Lopes, A. M. Rodrigues and B. Basto (skip); D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, C. G. Remedios and J. J. Basto (skip); C. F. Vas, A. F. Noronha, C. Roza Pereira and L. J. Silva (skip).

RECREIO C
Second Division, "Recreio C" (v Kowloon Tong Club Home):—F. A. Xavier, H. R. Pinna, J. R. Soares and O. P. Remedios (skip); F. X. Monteiro, J. A. Remedios, C. M. S. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (skip); A. J. Osmund, P. M. N. Silva, A. M. Xavier and E. Sousa (skip).

K.B.G.C.
First Division (v Police R.C. away):—R. P. Phillips, T. Armstrong, L. Guy and A. J. Hall (skip); G. W. Deacon, J. C. Gill, J. G. Meyer and G. H. Sherill (skip); W. L. Walker, H. C. Spong, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (skip).
Second Division (v Kowloon F.C. Home):—F. F. Pope, C. Wallis, F. A. Cheesman and R. Duncan (skip); L. Sykes, E. Levett, D. W. Waterton and H. Lockhart (skip); A. Morton, E. A. Atkins, A. Bower and H. E. Drew (skip).

H.K.E.R.C.
Third Division (v H.K.C.C. away):—A. G. Gardner, W. E. Macfarlane, W. H. B. Muskett and J. F. Lunny (skip); W. Stoker, W. Sorby, G. T. Padgett and G. S. Thomson (skip); A. P. Tarbuck, R. A. Owens, H. S. McKay and A. F. Paul (skip).

I.R.C.
First Division (v K.C.C. Home):—D. M. Khan, S. M. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (skip); J. Hoosen, A. K. Sultana, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (skip); A. H. Rumjahn, S. Yusuf, M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dalah (skip).

H.K.F.C.
First Division (v Recreio "A" Home):—A. B. Didsbury, A. W. Hodges, W. Gill and G. Duncan (skip); J. I. Barnes, J. H. Gelling, L. E. Lammert and K. S. Robertson (skip); A. Brooksbank, D. W. Phillips, H. G. Wallington and N. J. Bebbington (skip).
Third Division (v K.F.C. away):—A. Watson, F. Filpance, G. E. Stephens and G. S. Graver (skip); H. H. Beedow, C. G. Solis, C. F. Needham and E. L. Strango (skip); A. G. Gratton, S. H. Strango, R. R. Wood and J. Watson (skip).

THIS TEAM IS OUT TO CATCH HUNS

Sergeant-Inst. Len Hutton has not lost his skill with the bat through Army service. His 56 for Captain H. Sutcliffe's team recently was a gem of an innings, with seven fours delighting his fellow Yorkshiremen.

Seems strange, however, to recognise so many old Yorkshire friends in their military guise. Sergeant Leyland, Second-Lieutenant Hedley Verity, Lieutenant Broadhurst, Sergeant-Major F. Smailes, Driver P. A. Gibb, are just a few names with a familiar ring.

Yorkshire cricket has certainly made full contribution to national needs. Can any county point to a larger number of serving players? I doubt it.

DANISH WOMAN SETS NEW MARKS AND BEATS MEN

Two new world records were set up by the well-known Danish girl swimmer Ragnhild Hveger at a swimming meet at Helsingor recently.

She first covered the 1,000 metre stretch in free-style in 14 minutes, 9.2 seconds and then went on to finish the race, which was over a distance of 1,500 metres, in the time of 21 minutes, 10.1 seconds, thereby bettering the world record for this distance by no less than 35.6 seconds. Both previous records for 1,000 and 1,500 metres free-style had been held by herself.

That the time swum by the Danish girl in the 1,500 metre event was almost unbelievably good was clearly demonstrated to the spectators when Pul Peterson won the men's competition over this distance in the time of 21 minutes, 45 seconds thereby winning the men's national championship although his time was nearly 35 seconds slower than the new women's world record set by Ragnhild Hveger.

Ragnhild Hveger had originally intended to start in the men's competition, but the representatives of the allegedly stronger sex had refused to swim against such a formidable rival, and as later times showed they would have been soundly beaten, too.

BENWELL TO LEAD "Y" HOCKEY

V. M. Benwell was elected captain and chairman of the European Y.M.C.A. hockey section for the second successive season at the annual meeting yesterday.

The secretary's report said: "The war was the dominating factor last season. We lost several valuable members who were transferred for service elsewhere, and Volunteer and other duties occasioned by the war affected individual attendances."

We were able to play 79 games, which is well up to the previous season's total. At the end of the season, we had 37 playing members, eight of them service members, and 29 of them full members.

The Club made a departure from its custom of not participating in competitions of any sort by entering two teams for the Six-a-Side Tournament at the end of the season. Due to prior claims on the services of our members, however, only one team actually played, and managed to reach the third round, where they were narrowly defeated by Royal Scots "A".

Club finances are in a sound state. This enabled us to approach the Hong Kong Hockey Club, with whom we share the ground, with a plan for the erection of a changing hut on the ground. The Hockey Club agreed to split expenses with us and the hut was accordingly erected.

The following officers were elected: Captain and Chairman, V. M. Benwell; Vice-Captains of First Eleven, D. McLellan and D. Taylor; Captain of Second Eleven, R. Dörner; Vice-Captain, R. Banks; Secretary, H. Smith.

Mr. Benwell said that with the evacuation of most of the lady players, the ground would now be available on Tuesdays and he proposed that in addition to the usual Thursday match for those unable to play on Saturday, Tuesday evening be spent in six-a-side games. Mr. W. H. Colledge proposed that once a month the remnants of the Y.M.C.A. ladies be given the opportunity of playing in these six-a-side games. Both proposals were carried.

Mr. R. Goldman proposed that the new experimental short-corner be adopted in all friendly encounters. This was carried.



ARMY TENNIS

Playing in the First Division of the Army Tennis League at Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Army Medical Corps beat Royal Scots Regiment, by 7 sets to 2.

Major Harrison and Capt. Lynch (R.A.M.C.) beat Cpl. Alsey and Bds. Wills, 6-1.

beat Pte. Jenkins and Pte. Gilroy, 6-1.

beat Glasgow and L/Cpl. Sharrock, 6-1.

Sgt. Webb and Cpl. Milne (R.A.M.C.) lost to Alsey and Wills, 5-7.

beat Jenkins and Gilroy, 6-2.

beat Glasgow and Sharrock, 6-4.

Cpl. Parkins and Cpl. Musson (R.A.M.C.) lost to Alsey and Wills, 4-6.

beat Jenkins and Gilroy, 6-3.

beat Glasgow and Sharrock, 6-4.

5TH R.A. v 24TH R.A.
In a Second Division Army Tennis League match at Sookunpoo yesterday, 5th A.A. Battery, Royal Artillery lost to 24th Battery, R.A., by 5 sets to 4.

Capt. Mills and L/Sgt. Simpson (5th R.A.) beat McMillan and Capt. Beaumont, 6-2.

lost to L/Sgt. Warder and Bdr. Pidgeon, 2-6.

lost to L/Sgt. Denton and L/Bdr. Hannan, 3-6.

Lieut. Whitaker and L/Sgt. Coughlin (5th R.A.) beat McMillan and Beaumont, 6-2.

I.R.C. ONE STEP NEARER THE TITLE

Kowloon Cricket Club—with-out their Captain, E. C. Fincher, and A. Crawford—paid the penalty for lack of practice when they lost by 18 sets to 1 to Indian Recreation Club in "A" Division of the Lawn Tennis League yesterday at Sookunpoo.

The Indians, who are unbeaten, have one more game to play, against Chinese Recreation Club at Causeway Bay, and in an attempt to secure the title they lost won in 1931 they are holding a practice match this coming Sunday.

Yesterday's match revealed that most of the players were out of practice—the Rumjahn cousins were down 5-3 to Fincher and Burnett with Fincher's service to follow—and the result was that the standard was never really high. Kitchell, deputising for A. H. Madar, is improving rapidly and will soon be securing a prominent place in the first team. Fincher's service was again very prominent—against the Rumjahn he served four aces in a row.

O. Rumjahn and M. A. Razack (I.R.C.) beat G. C. Burnett and E. F. Fincher, 6-3.
beat A. E. P. Guest and S. A. Gray, 6-3.
beat T. A. Madar and R. Broadbridge, 6-4.
A. R. Minu and A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.) beat Burnett and Fincher, 6-2.
lost to Guest and Gray, 4-6.
beat Madar and Broadbridge, 6-2.
S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn (I.R.C.) beat Burnett and Fincher, 7-5.
beat Guest and Gray, 6-3.
beat Madar and Broadbridge, 6-0.

K.C.C. v Recreio "A"

Kowloon C.C. beat Club de Recreio "A" by 5-4 at King's Park.
R. A. Marques and J. C. Fonseca (C. de R.) lost to Hung and F. R. Zimmern, 3-6.
beat E. Zulauf and R. Lee, 6-4.
lost to J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher, 4-6.
H. F. Gonsalves and A. E. Noronha (C. de R.) beat Hung and Zimmern, 6-2.
beat Zulauf and Lee, 6-4.
beat Anderson and Fisher, 6-4.
A. M. Alves and G. A. Noronha (C. de R.) lost to Hung and Zimmern, 4-6.
lost to Zulauf and Lee, 3-6.
lost to Anderson and Fisher, 0-6.

K. Tong v S.C.A.A.

At Kowloon Tong, K.T.G.C.A. lost by 3-6 to South China Athletic Association.
Yee and Lee (K.T.) lost to Ho and Be, 1-6.
lost to Lau and Chan, 3-6.
beat Leung and Kwok, 6-1.
Chan and Kwok (K.T.) beat Ho and Be, 6-3.
lost to Lau and Chan, 1-6.
beat Leung and Kwok, 6-2.
Yee and Chan (K.T.) lost to Ho and Be, 2-6.
lost to Lau and Chan, 2-6.
lost to Leung and Kwok, 4-6.

A.T.C. v K.I.T.C.

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club lost to the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by six sets to three.
Anderson and Duffield (Army) lost to S. A. and S. S. Hussain, 6-2.
lost to F. Khan and Dr. H. M. Singh, 6-2.
beat M. Isaak and G. Singh, 6-2.
Murray and Adlam (Army) lost to S. A. and S. S. Hussain, 6-1.
beat Khan and Singh, 6-2.
beat Isaak and G. Singh, 6-2.
Daniel and Elsiey (Army) lost to S. A. and S. S. Hussain, 6-2.
lost to Khan and Singh, 6-2.
lost to Isaak and G. Singh, 6-2.

H.K.U. v Police

At University, the home team beat Police R.C. by six sets to three. Three sets were conceded.
Y. Yip and K. T. Tam (H.K.U.) beat B. C. Fay and C. S. Pile, 7-5.
beat A. R. S. Major and Morrison, 6-0.
H. G. Kaan and G. Hong Choy (H.K.U.) lost to Fay and Pile, 0-6.
lost to Major and Morrison, 4-6.
S. L. Yeung and T. S. Kwok (H.K.U.) lost to Fay and Pile, 0-6.
beat Major and Morrison, 6-3.

C.R.C. v J.R.C.

F. K. Lau and J. C. Chiu (C.R.C.) beat Godkin and Rainier, 6-1.
beat Pollak and Talan, 6-2.
beat Citrin and Marr, 6-1.
T. T. Lam and W. K. Ma (C.R.C.) beat Godkin and Rainier, 6-0.
beat Pollak and Talan, 6-2.
beat Citrin and Marr, 6-0.
Wei Chung and O. L. Pang (C.R.C.) beat Godkin and Rainier, 7-5.
beat Pollak and Talan, 6-3.
beat Citrin and Marr, 6-0.

League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pls.
K.T.C.	7	0	0	1	42	20	12
C.R.C.	5	5	0	0	41	4	10
C.I.R. "A"	5	4	0	1	30	15	8
S.C.A.A.	5	4	0	1	29	15	8
K.T.G.C.A.	7	4	0	3	30	27	8
K.T.P.S.A.	6	3	0	3	27	20	6
H.K.C.	7	2	1	4	24	39	6
H.K.U.T.C.	5	2	0	3	19	22	4
A.T.C.	5	2	0	3	25	23	4
C.B.A. "B"	3	1	1	1	24	47	3
O.B.A.	3	0	0	3	16	31	0
J.R.C.	4	0	0	4	10	26	0

START RIGHT WITH CORRECT RACKET; SIZE OF THE HANDLE DEPENDS ON HANDS

First of 10 instructive tennis articles.

By ELEANOR TENNANT

Coach of Alice Marble
Selection of the correct racket is the first step in tennis. The racket does a great part of the work. The size of the handle depends on the size of the hands. If you have short, stubby fingers, use a racket with a 4 1/4 to 4 1/2-inch grip. If your hands are

large you should go to 4 3/4 to 4 1/2 inches. The average woman should use a racket weighing between 13 and 13 1/2 ounces, working up to 13 1/2 or 13 3/4. Alice Marble uses a 14-ounce racket, but she is an exceptionally strong girl. Men should use one between 14 and 14 1/2 ounces. Buy your frame first and then have it strung. This insures fresh gut. Keep your racket in a press when not in use to prevent warping.

MANY MATCHES BY P.G.A. UNDERTAKEN FOR RED CROSS

PROFESSIONAL GOLF throughout the United States was dedicating the services of its outstanding exponents and champions to a worthy and needful cause — the American Red Cross, writes a correspondent in the "Christian Science Monitor" in July.

Responding with enthusiasm and sincerity, the golf professionals without a single exception, donated their services to the extensive programme of exhibition matches which has been arranged by the Tournament Bureau of the Professional Golfers' Association.

Ryder Cup Team

Heading the programme of Red Cross events is the appearance of the United States Ryder Cup team, as selected for the postponed matches with Great Britain, against a team selected by Gene Sarazen at the Oakland Hills Country Club, Birmingham, Mich., July 16 and 17.

This match already has been proclaimed one of the classic encounters of professional team competition, calling into action 20 of the greatest shot-makers of the current era in a contest which has never been surpassed for spectacular rivalries and colour.

Accepting the challenge on behalf of the Ryder Cup players, Walter Hagen, perennial leader of the United States team, declared his confidence as to the outcome.

Gene Challenged

"I'd like to challenge Gene to a 36-hole singles match," said the "Haig" in his acceptance, "and I sure hope he will accept it."

Hagen, as the records show, has good reason for his confidence. His Ryder Cup teams, dating all the way back to 1927 at Worcester, have never been beaten on American soil. He has led Uncle Sam's forces in the biennial series with Great Britain in each of the six encounters, both home and abroad, and stands well in front with four victories against two defeats.

With him at Oakland Hills will be one of the strongest teams ever assembled for a team battle, including Henry Picard, P.G.A. champion, Byron Nelson, Horton Smith, Ralph Guldahl, Dick Metz, Jimmy Hines, Victor Ghezzi, Paul Runyan, Sam Snead, and Harold McSpaden.

Better Team

Sarazen, a worthy member of every U.S. Ryder Cup team since the inception of the matches until the present one, challenged some time ago the wisdom of the P.G.A. selectors and the forthcoming battle at Oakland Hills is the outcome of his desire to prove his point.

"Not that I was left off the team," explains Gene, "nor that I think the P.G.A. was unfair in its selections. But I can pick a better team myself from the ranks of the boys they overlooked."

Gene's chance to prove his statement comes at Oakland Hills when he leads into action a team comprising Jimmy Demaret, Ben Hogan, Craig Wood, Ed Oliver, Lloyd Mangrum, Harry Cooper, Ed Dudley, Tommy Armour, Frank Walsh, Billy Burke, Al Watrous, Jimmy Thomson, Johnny Revolta, Clayton Heafner, and, of course, himself.

Ryder Cup Pattern

The matches will follow the pattern of the regular Ryder Cup play with foursomes the first day at 36 holes, and singles the final day. The decision will rest with the side scoring the most victories.

Other P.G.A. Red Cross exhibitions which are sure to add substantially to the fund have been arranged at various golfing centres throughout the country.

Bobby Jones, returning to the role he played so prominently as a Red Cross performer in 1916, has agreed to participate in four matches under P.G.A. auspices and will play at Lido, N.Y., July 13, in a match with Horton Smith, Jimmy Thomson, and Charles Mayo. On July 14 he will come to Boston for a match in which he will pair up with Fred Wright against Francis Oulmet and Jesse Guilford at The Country Club, Brookline. Bob is also scheduled to appear in a match with Ed Dudley in the Philadelphia district in September.

OPEN EVENTS FOR SCOTS' GALA 6.30 P.M.

Information has been received to the effect that the invitation events at the Royal Scots' swimming gala will be swum off at 6.30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. as originally announced.

WORLD'S OLDEST POLO PONY DIES

Caesar, dean of the world's polo ponies, is dead, writes a correspondent from California.

Dr. T. B. Bruce claims the horse was 40 years old. The veterinarian says he treated Caesar in 1907 when he was being ridden in polo games, and estimated the horse was eight years old at that time.

MISS KO EQUALS NATIONAL RECORD

KEEN AND EXCITING swimming was seen at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. pool, at Bridges Street, last night, when Lai Tsun Swimming Union beat the Eastern Swimming Association, by 18 points to 12.

Miss Ko Mui-ling, of the Lai Tsun equalled the Chinese National record for the 50 metres Free-style, of 36 seconds. This figure was set by Miss Yeung Sau-king in 1935.

The following were the results:—

50 yards Free-style—1, Wong Chih-hung (Eastern); 2, Law Yuk-wing (Eastern); 3, Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun). Time: 25.9 secs.
100 yards Back-stroke—1, Lau Yiu-ting (Lai Tsun); 2, Wong Shu-chi (Lai Tsun); 3, Yeung Man-Kit (Eastern). Time: 77.1/5 secs.
Ladies' 50 metres Open Free-style—1, Miss Ko Mui-ling (Lai Tsun); 2, Miss Kwok Fung-sun and Law Yuk-wing; 3, Miss Tsang Fung-kwan (Lai Tsun); 3, Miss Ho Wai-king (South China). Time: 36 secs.

220 yards Free-style—1, Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun); 2, Yau Sal-kwan (Lai Tsun); 3, Lee Fuk-kee (Eastern). Time: 2 mins. 32.2 secs.

"B" Class 60 yards Breast-stroke—1, Yau Sal-kwan; 2, Chui Yuen-man; 3, Tsang Cheong-ming. Time: 49 secs.

120 yards Medley Relay—1, Lai Tsun (Lau Yiu-ting, Fong Chung-yue and Tsang Cheong-ming); 2, Eastern (Shek Kam-pui, Kwok Chun-hang and Wong Chih-hung). Time: 70 secs.

Lai Tsun 60 yards Free-style—1, Lau Tai-ping; 2, Fu Hai-cheung; 3, Pong Wing-kau. Time: 29.4 secs.

100 yards Breast-stroke—1, Fong Chung-yue (Lai Tsun); 2, Chiu Kam-mun (Lai Tsun); 3, Tam Shik-chuen (Eastern). Time: 73.2 secs.

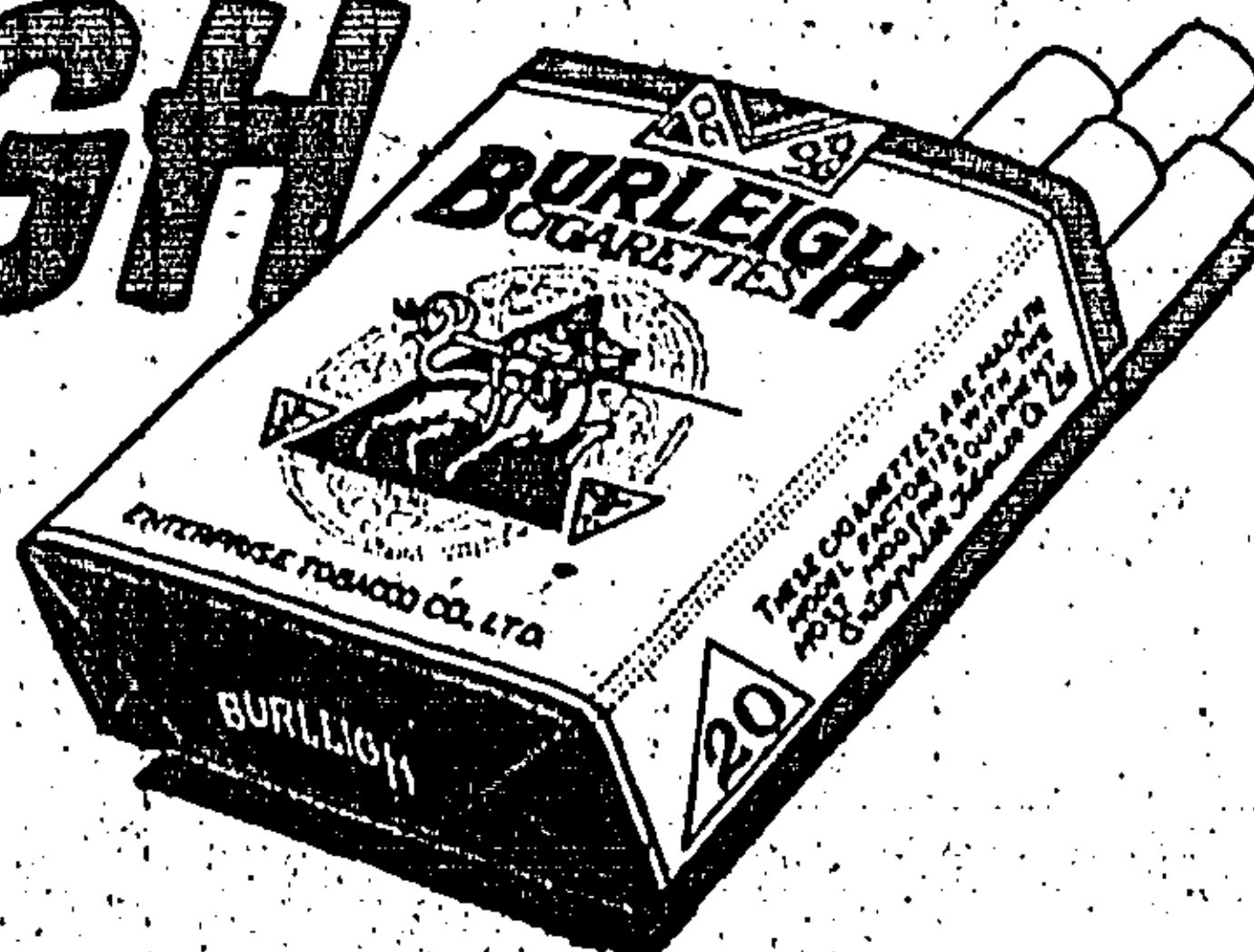
Lai Tsun Ladies' 50 yards Handicap—1, Miss Tsang Fung-kwan; 2, Miss Cheng Oh-lin; 3, Miss Ng Kun-ying. Time: 33 secs.

160 yards Four Men Relay—1, Eastern (Wong Chih-hung, Lee Fuk-kee, 1, Miss Ko Mui-ling (Lai Tsun); 2, Miss Kwok Fung-sun and Law Yuk-wing; 3, Miss Tsang Fung-kwan (Lai Tsun); 3, Miss Ho Wai-king (South China). Time: 36 secs.

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R.A.F. HITS AT KIEL AND WILHELMSHAVEN

German Naval Dockyard Bombed From 800 Feet

HUNGARIAN 'PLANE SHOT DOWN

Nothing has been published in Bucharest of the alleged shooting down of a Hungarian plane by a Rumanian fighter. Rumanian officials say the Hungarian plane had flown deep into Rumanian territory.—Reuter.

DARING PIRACY IN WHANGPOO

A daring raid by pirates on a vessel moored in Shanghai's busy Whangpoo River off the Nantao District (Chinese City) was revealed to-day.

Armed Chinese who approached the Portuguese coaster Santa Anna at night in sampans climbed on board and held up the crew.

They collected a considerable sum of money and some valuables, and then escaped.—Reuter.

Italy Gets Another Visit

ANOTHER DRAMATIC RAID ON THE GERMAN NAVAL DOCKYARD AT KIEL, AS WELL AS OTHER IMPORTANT ATTACKS ON MILITARY OBJECTIVES IN GERMANY, ITALY AND ENEMY-OCCUPIED TERRITORY, ARE REPORTED IN AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

In Germany, the objectives included the docks at Wilhelmshaven and those at Kiel, a transformer station at Kelsterbach near Frankfurt, the Messerschmidt factory at Augsburg, oil tanks and supply depots at Mannheim, and several aerodromes.

In Italy, the Fiat Works at Turin and the Marelli magneto factory at Sesto Sangiovanni were again attacked.

FISHING IN THE MINEFIELD!

Four boatmen were each fined \$75, or six weeks' hard labour by Commander G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, at the Marine Court this morning for fishing in the East Lamma Channel Minefield.

The men were arrested by a naval patrol yesterday.

"You should know by now where the minefields are. There has been too much of this altogether. Next time it will be \$100," remarked Commander Hole.

In enemy-occupied France, oil tanks in the Gironde Estuary near Bordeaux, at Pauillac, near Brest, and at Cherbourg, were bombed. One of our aircraft is missing.

Adverse Weather

As on former occasions, adverse weather conditions had to be overcome by the attacking craft engaged in the raid on Italy in their double journey across France and the Alps.

Extremely low temperatures caused ice to form on the wings of the aircraft and one bomber was forced to return home without completing its task.

Over Sesto Sangiovanni, cloud and ground haze added to the difficulties of the flight.

Hits with high explosive and incendiary bombs were obtained on the magneto works, but the scudding clouds hid the full result of the attack.

One pilot detailed to bomb the Fiat works was more fortunate for, on arrival one minute after midnight, a small fire in one of the main buildings enabled one pilot to identify the works, and two salvos of high explosives were seen to strike the main works. Over fifty incendiary bombs were scattered over the target area and within a short time a large fire was observed.

Half an hour later, the fire was still burning fiercely and was visible from a height of 15,000 feet.

Bombs From 800 Feet

In a later Air Ministry statement, it was disclosed that bombs were dropped on the naval dockyard at Kiel from a height of only 800 feet.

The attack was carried out by R.A.F. bombers of the heaviest type on Tuesday night. They swooped down on the yard, dropped their heavy loads and were away.

Pilots of the crews participating in the raid described on their return how their bombs straddled the mole and were seen to burst in other parts of the dockyard.

Heavy Explosions

Heavy explosions following one attack culminated in a huge fire suggesting that an oil store had been set ablaze.

Another raider reported five large fires were started.

In the face of a fierce barrage of anti-aircraft fire and blinded by a concentration of searchlights, one bomber flight came down to 800 feet to drop their bombs.—Reuter.

KENYA QUIET

Last night's official communique in Nairobi states that normal ground reconnaissances were carried out and no enemy force encountered. Garissa was bombed by three enemy aircraft on Tuesday but there were no casualties or damage.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Moving the beer duty changes in Legislative Council this afternoon, the Financial Secretary said:—The proposed adjustments of the duty on beer are primarily intended to protect a deserving local enterprise against competition in its home market from enterprises in foreign countries which are protected in their own home markets by high tariff walls and which in some cases enjoy the benefits of a depreciated exchange.

To a certain extent the adjustments will also act as an exchange control measure.

I would emphasise that the new rates of duty are not intended to increase the revenue derived from beer and that it is not anticipated that the revenue will show an appreciable gain or loss as a result of the adjustments.

Fears that France intends to accede to alleged recent demands of Japan to permit the passage of Japanese troops through Indo-China to attack Yunnan are expressed in the Hong Kong Chinese press to-day.

The demand is interpreted by the "Ta Kung Pao" as a pretext for occupying the northern part of the French Colony. If Japan occupies northern French Indo-China, she will not only be able to advance into Yunnan or Kwangsi, but also be in a position to seize the whole French colony.

The "National Times," in a leaderette, says that since Japan wants to attack Yunnan by invading French Indo-China, France would be assisting Japan in her aggression in China if no steps were taken to prevent Japanese troops landing in the French colony.

"We already" warned the French authorities against giving passage to Japanese troops," the paper says, "and we now earnestly hope that they will take appropriate measures to prevent war in French Indo-China."

STUBBS ROAD COLLAPSE

Replying to questions by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock on the cause of the collapse of Stubbs Road near Magazine Gap after the recent heavy rains, the Hon. Colonial Secretary said:

The movement is attributed to the alteration of the composition of the soil on which the retaining wall was founded, due to the percolation of water. The record rainfall recently experienced undoubtedly reached depths hitherto untouched. A contributing cause was, of course, vibrations set up by fast moving traffic.

It is not possible to give the cost of repair until exhaustive examination of the soil has been undertaken, since the form of reconstruction cannot be decided until such examination has been completed.

The approximate cost of the temporary bridge is estimated at \$8,000.

Between 1st January, 1935, and 30th June, 1940, 4,282 vehicles were weighed at weighbridges under instructions from European and Native Traffic Officers. In most cases they were found to be overloaded, prosecutions were undertaken and fines amounting to \$24,443.95 were imposed. Not all of these vehicles were commercial motor vehicles; a small percentage were tricycles.

No Army motor vehicles have been weighed for overloading. Their maximum net load is much below what the Police Department would allow. The Traffic Inspector states that from his observation Army motor vehicles do not overload.

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